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## EDITORIAL

Happy New Year from *Organic & Biomolecular Chemistry*

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On behalf of the *OBC* Editorial Board and Editorial Team, we welcome you to this first issue of 2012, *OBC*'s 10th year of publication

**10 years of high quality research and service**

Since 2003 *OBC* has built on its core values of high impact research, good author service and rigorous, fair and timely peer review to grow into one of the leading journals in the field. It's no surprise that just in the last four years the number of authors choosing to publish their research with *OBC* each year has more than doubled. We would like to thank all our authors, referees and readers for contributing to the success of the journal. As a result of this significant growth in high quality content, *OBC* has moved to weekly publication in 2012.

**Associate Editors**

Last year we were delighted to welcome two new Associate Editors to the *OBC* Editorial Board: **Jin-Quan Yu** (Scripps Institute, La Jolla, US) and **Andrei Yudin** (University of Toronto, Canada). *OBC* authors now have a choice of submission routes—to the Cambridge Editorial office or one of our Associate Editors—and full information about these is given in our author guidelines. As well as handling papers for the journal, our Associate Editors join the other members of the Editorial Board in ensuring the high standards of *OBC* are maintained through a prominent role in the peer review process.

**Editorial Board changes**

In 2011 we said goodbye to four long-serving members of the *OBC* Editorial

Board: Ben Davis, Stefan Matile, Brian Stoltz and Keisuke Suzuki. We would like to thank them for all of their work in their time with the journal and wish them all well for the future. In 2012 we will see new members appointed to the Board, and announcements will be made in due course.

**Web theme issues**

The success of *OBC* web themes continued in 2011. These web themes pull together online articles published in *OBC* on a particular topic, highlighting high-profile work in the area to the community. Topics covered in 2011 included Free-Radical Chemistry (in memory of Professor Athel Beckwith), Chemical Biology and Fluorine Chemistry. Look out for more web themes in *OBC* in 2012, with topics including Foldamers and Organocatalysis (in conjunction with *ChemComm*).

**Meet the Editorial Team**

Last year *OBC* Editorial Team members travelled to a number of international conferences, and our Editorial Board members represented the journal at many more. Travelling to conferences offers great opportunities for the *OBC* team to meet top scientists, see the latest research developments and discuss the journal with our authors, referees and readers. Look out for members of the *OBC* team at conferences throughout 2012. Amongst the conferences attended by a member of the Editorial Team was OMCOS 16 in Shanghai in July, where the 2011 *OBC* Lectureship was delivered by Dr Michael Willis (University of Oxford).

*OBC* is also keen to support young organic chemists by providing student poster prizes at selected conferences throughout

the year. If you are organising a conference in 2012 and would like us to consider supporting it with an *OBC* poster prize then please contact us.

We hope that you enjoy reading this first issue of 2012.



Professor Jeffrey Bode  
Chair, Editorial Board



Dr Richard Kelly  
Editor

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The major scientific meetings planned for 2012 include:

#### Challenges in Organic Chemistry and Chemical Biology (ISACS7)

12–15 June 2012, Edinburgh, UK

[www.rsc.org/isacs7](http://www.rsc.org/isacs7)

#### 21st IUPAC International Conference on Physical Organic Chemistry (ICPOC 21)

9–13 September 2012, Durham, UK

[www.rsc.org/ICPOC21](http://www.rsc.org/ICPOC21)

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19–21 September 2012, Nottingham, UK

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