

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



The next ACS National Meeting will be held in New Orleans, and in the technical sessions there will be 114 communications—25 more than those presented at the previous national meeting held in Boston.

We are starting a new column in this issue, called *Newly Published*. It will include references of articles, interviews, and reports in the chemical information field that were published in print or online in the months before each *CIB* issue is published. Please send us references to your publications, so that we could disseminate this information to our readers. Since we are limited in space in the print issue, the editors will be choosing articles that will be of interest to a broader audience.

In this issue we have an article on the history of the *Chemical Information Bulletin*, and we continue the tradition established two years ago of publishing interviews with scientists, librarians, and publishers.

The first interview in this issue is with Nigel Lees, manager of the Library & Information Centre of the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC), who tells us how their traditional library has acquired new value and importance by being developed into a virtual resource serving the Society's 44,000 members. The picture on the cover of this issue shows the beautiful old library that will soon be converted to center for chemistry, in the heart of London.

The other interview in this issue is with Dr. David Lewis, professor of organic chemistry at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, who has done extensive research on the role that Russian chemists have played on the world stage.

I am sure our readers will learn a lot from these articles and will enjoy reading them.

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