

Chemical Information Bulletin, Volume 61, Number 2, Fall 2009

THE CHEMICAL INFORMATION BULLETIN AT 60



The *Chemical Information Bulletin* was started in 1949, and this year marks its 60th anniversary. The late Dr. Val Metanowski wrote an article about the history of this journal that was published in its 2008 Spring issue. A timeline of the history of the publication was included in Val's article, and we are reprinting it in this issue. For more details about the future of the *Bulletin* you can read an article by Bill Town, chair of the CINF's Publication Committee, which was published in the Spring 2009 issue of *CINF e-News* (www.acscinf.org). This is the last issue of the *Chemical Information Bulletin* that will appear in print. Starting from the next issue, this journal will be published online, only.

I would like to thank Eugene Garfield, Alfred Bader, Bryan Vickery, Nigel Lees, David Lewis, Arnold Thackray, Leah Solla, Bill Town, and David Lide for agreeing to give interviews that were highly praised by the readers. A list of these interviews is included on p. 3. In addition to the interviews, I have also written an article about Guy Ourisson, past president of the French Academy of Sciences.

This issue of the *Bulletin* is also the last one I am doing as its editor. For the past four years, the design and the content of the journal have changed significantly. A new feature was introduced—interviews with and articles about scientists, chemical information specialists, publishers and other people whose work touched on the field of chemical information. We have received very positive feedback from readers about these interviews, and I will continue to do them in the future, for the *CIB* online issues. Some of the interviews are posted at <http://acscinf.org/dbx/pubs/interviews.asp>

I had the privilege of working with Joe Maggie, who was assistant editor of the *Bulletin* for most of my time as editor. Joe has advised me about content and format, and I valued and relied on his judgment. My thanks also go to Brian Lynch, who was responsible for the advertisement that supported the *Bulletin*, and to Bruce Slutsky, the new assistant editor of *CIB*. The editor puts together each issue from scratch, and I would like to thank all colleagues who have helped me with editing and proofreading the issues. My special thanks are reserved for Wendy Warr, who volunteered to proofread the issues and whose sharp editorial eye has saved me from embarrassment.

I hope you have enjoyed reading the *Bulletin*, and I look forward to conducting new interviews and writing more articles for its online issues as a contributor, not as an editor.

Svetla Baykoucheva, Editor
sbaykouc@umd.edu