

THE BIRTH OF A JOURNAL

It is with great pleasure and satisfaction that we bring to light the premier issue of *THE SOUTHERN BRAZILIAN JOURNAL OF CHEMISTRY*.

This Journal was founded to provide an open international forum for the discussion and publication of theoretical and applied aspects dealing with chemistry and related interdisciplinary, multidisciplinary and transdisciplinary areas of science and to fill a gap and lacuna in terms of scientific literature for Southern Brazil.

This Journal is also open for the debate and discussion of chemical education and history and philosophy of science and hopes, in a modest way, to contribute to the analysis and solution of the present crisis of moral and ethical values and standards that affects science and education all over the world.

The idea of a NEW JOURNAL first arose during 1978, soon after our arrival in Florianópolis, Santa Catarina at the invitation of the Brazilian Ministry of Education and Culture to help establish the graduate program in Physical Chemistry at the Federal University of Santa Catarina.

It gained new impetus during our tenure as Secretary of the Rio Grande do Sul Section of the Brazilian Chemical Society (1986-1990). Fortunately, now, after tackling some serious aberrations and irregularities in the Federal University System, we can devote the due attention to this Journal.

The main purpose of *THE SOUTHERN BRAZILIAN JOURNAL OF CHEMISTRY* is to publish original research articles and short communications, but occasionally, it will include invited review papers and state of the art overviews by experts in their areas.

THE SOUTHERN BRAZILIAN JOURNAL OF CHEMISTRY will be published mainly in English with abstracts in English and Portuguese. Occasionally, we will consider the publication of articles in other languages.

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We hope that this JOURNAL will provide an open international forum for the dissemination of high quality research in chemistry and related areas and are open to any questions and suggestions.

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