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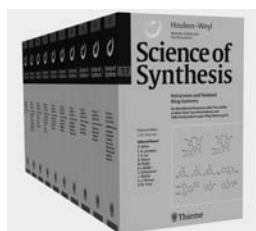


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Welcome from the Managing Editor

Dear Reader,

Welcome to the fall edition of *Science of Synthesis News*.

In this edition we outline the progress made in the Editorial Office on the publication of further volumes, we introduce you to the new release of the electronic version of *Science of Synthesis* (Version 3.0), and we share our marketing news with you.

It has certainly been a very productive year so far! The editorial team has already published four volumes and has a further four in the pipeline before the end of 2005. We have been delighted with the cooperation we have experienced between authors and volume editors and we hope that everyone is pleased with the final volumes. We are looking forward to working on the final volumes scheduled for 2005 in the coming months and hope to complete Category 1: Organometallics by the end of this year.

Some exciting news is that the workbench edition of "Category 2: Heterarenes and Related Ring Systems" will be available in January 2006! This 10-volume set will cost € 5500 (or \$ 6666) and will include a cumulative index containing tables of contents for all volumes, a keyword index and author index as well as structural templates and name reactions. For further information, please contact marketing@thieme-chemistry.com.

We are also very happy in this edition of *Science of Synthesis News* to be able to introduce you to some new members of the team who will be involved with the editing of volumes from now on: Dr. Matthew Weston, Assistant Scientific Editor, and Dr. Steven Schultz, Assistant Scientific Editor, and we wish them the very best in their future careers at Thieme.

You have probably noticed that the editorial and marketing teams have been extremely busy over the last few months visiting conferences and meeting up with our authors and volume editors. We hope that those of you who did get the opportunity to join us at the author dinners enjoyed the event! We were certainly delighted to be able to meet up with so many members of the *Science of Synthesis* community.

Finally, please note that Leigh Murray is now responsible for coordinating *Science of Synthesis News*, so if there are any topics that you would like us to cover or if you have any news items of relevance then do please contact her: leigh.murray@thieme.de

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Editorial Update

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Volumes Published!

I am pleased to announce that Volume 22 (Three Carbon—Heteroatom Bonds: Thio-, Seleno-, and Tellurocarboxylic Acids and Derivatives; Imidic Acids and Derivatives; Ortho Acid Derivatives) was published on June 15th, 2005. Our congratulations and

thanks go to Professor André B. Charette and to Professor Jim Thomas, and all of the authors who contributed to Volume 22 on completing the project.

Volume 21 (Three Carbon—Heteroatom Bonds: Amides and Derivatives; Peptides; Lactams) was published on August 10th, 2005, and similarly our congratulations

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and thanks go to the volume editor Professor Steven M. Weinreb as well as Editorial Board Member Dr. Ichiro Shinkai, and all of the authors who contributed to Volume 21.

Also, Volume 8a [Compounds of Group 1 (Li...Cs)] has just recently been completed and will be published on November 23rd together with Volume 8b, which is expected to be published on December 7th, 2005. These two volumes will complete the organometallics category. Our congratulations go to Professor Victor Snieckus and Professor Marek Majewski, as well as to all the authors of both volumes!

Electronic Product Release

May 18th, 2005 saw the release of Version 2.2 of *e-Science of Synthesis*. This release was primarily a content release and included the addition of Volumes 6, 15, 19, and 26, so that 19 volumes in total are now accessible online. On August 15th, Version 3.0 was released offering advances to the search functionality (name reactions and CAS registry number search), as well as an intuitive new interface designed to make literature searches fast and easy for new and experienced users alike.

Publication Schedule 2005

The following volumes are due to be published in the coming months:

- Volume 34 (Fluorine) - Jonathan Percy and Steve Ley
- Volume 24 (Three Carbon—Heteroatom Bonds: Ketene Acetals and Yne—X Compounds) - Armin de Meijere and Ernst Schaumann
- Volume 23 (Three Carbon—Heteroatom Bonds: Ketenes and Derivatives) - Rick Danheiser and Daniel Bellus

International Conferences

Over the summer months, the editorial team attended a number of international conferences. As always, this provides a great opportunity for us to meet with authors, volume editors, and members of the editorial board, and to discuss the progress of individual contributions and the project in general. The 13th IUPAC International Symposium on Organometallic Chemistry Directed Towards Organic Synthesis (OMCOS-13) took place in Geneva, Switzerland, from 17–21 July, 2005, with over 1200 participants. *Science of Synthesis* was represented by Fiona Shortt de Hernandez, Mark Smith, and Marcus White, and a dinner hosted by Thieme Chemistry had an impressive attendance of 83, including numerous *Science of Synthesis* authors and volume editors. At the 20th International Congress of Heterocyclic Chemistry (ICHC) in Palermo, Italy, from 31 July–5 August, 2005, a dinner was held for 27 *Science of Synthesis* authors and

editors at Ristorante Cin Cin, where we enjoyed some very fine Sicilian food. Read more about these conference visits and others in Marketing News.

Team News

We are delighted to announce that Dr. Matthew Weston joined the *Science of Synthesis* team in May as an Assistant Scientific Editor. Matthew undertook his PhD with Dr. Alan C. Spivey at Sheffield University, before conducting postdoctoral work with Dr. Joe Harrity.

We are also very pleased that Steven Schultz joined the editorial team as an Assistant Scientific Editor in October. He joined us after completing an MSc degree in Chemistry at the University of Washington under the supervision of Prof. D. Michael Heinekey and studying for a PhD in Organic Chemistry at the Universität Münster with Prof. Dr. Gerhard Erker.

Both Matthew and Steven will work closely with our volume editors and authors on upcoming volumes and be involved with the editing and proofreading of tables of contents, sample pages, galley proofs, and manuscripts. They will also be responsible for coordinating individual volumes and representing Thieme at international conferences. We wish them both the very best in the future careers at Thieme.

Dr. Mizio Matteucci undertook an internship with Thieme Chemistry in May and during his four-week visit, he worked closely with Dr. Mark Smith, Scientific Editor, on structuring tables of contents and sample page evaluations for forthcoming volumes and did a terrific job. At the end of his internship, Mizio agreed to continue this work in a freelance capacity and is a welcome addition to the team.

Lindsey Sturdy and Dr. Christabel Carter (Scientific Editors) left the *Science of Synthesis* team earlier this year. Both were experienced editors and valued members of the team, so they will be missed greatly. We wish them the very best in their future careers.

Lindsey was involved in the coordination of the Thieme–IUPAC Prize and this role has now been taken on by Dr. Marcus White.



Matthew Weston



Steven Schultz



Mizio Matteucci

Christabel Carter was responsible for coordinating the *Science of Synthesis* Newsletter and this task has now been taken over by Leigh Murray.

Volume Editor Visits

Professor Armin de Meijere (volume editor: Volume 24) came to visit the editorial office in April to discuss the progress being made on his volume and to meet the editorial team.

Professor Henning Hopf (volume editor: Volume 43) and Professor Jim Panek (volume editor: Volume 20) both visited the editorial office in June. During Professor Hopf's visit we had the opportunity to discuss the volume in detail and plan the submission of tables of contents and manuscripts. Both Professor Panek and Professor Hopf had the opportunity to

meet the editorial team and to learn about the editorial process in more detail. We look forward to our future collaborations with Armin de Meijere, Jim Panek, and Henning Hopf.

ICOS-16

Dr. Eusebio Juaristi, contributing author to *Science of Synthesis* Volume 8b, is chairing the organization of the 16th International Conference on Organic Synthesis, to take place in Mérida, Yucatán, Mexico, June 11–15, 2006. The Thieme–IUPAC Prize in Synthetic Organic Chemistry will be presented during this event. See page 4 for more details.



Science of Synthesis Version 3.0

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Science of Synthesis Version 3.0 was released on August 15th, 2005. This new release introduced a completely redesigned interface in addition to some brand new functionality. The product can be found at the Thieme Chemistry Web site under www.science-of-synthesis.com.

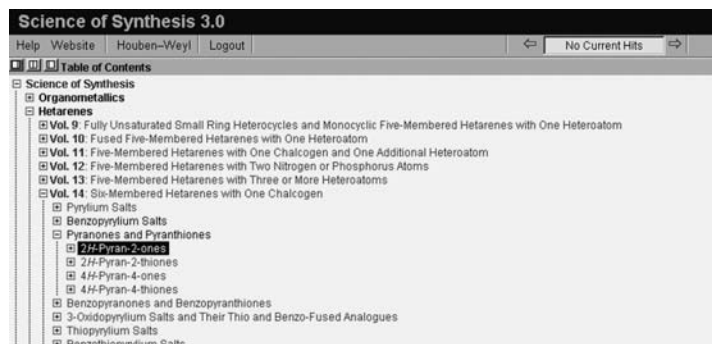
A total of 19 volumes can now be accessed using the electronic product which means that over 240 contributions (from expert scientists), 10500 experimental procedures, 80000 reference citations, 1700 patent citations, and 22200 illustrative schemes are included. The key topics covered are organometallics; hetarenes and related ring systems; nitriles, isocyanides, and derivatives; ketones; and heteroatom analogues of aldehydes and ketones. This information, together with the *Houben–Weyl* legacy archive, means that the user has access to pertinent synthetic chemistry information from the early 1900s up to the present day.

The new user interface consists of three main elements: (1) the tab menu at the top of the product allowing switching between modes and access to help; (2) the table of contents on the left-hand-side; and (3) the search form on the right-hand side.

1. The tab menu at the top of the product allows the user to access the Getting Started Manual via the **Help** button, the *Science of Synthesis* Web site via **Website**, the *Houben–Weyl* legacy archive via **Houben–Weyl**, and gives the option to **Logout**. In addition, the user can use the new frame-tiling buttons (red, yellow, and green) to determine their preferred view, i.e., view both the table of contents and full text side-by-side, or view either frame in full screen for easy reading. It is also possible to switch between **Query**, **Hitlist**, and **Full Text** modes depending on which stage of the search the user is at.

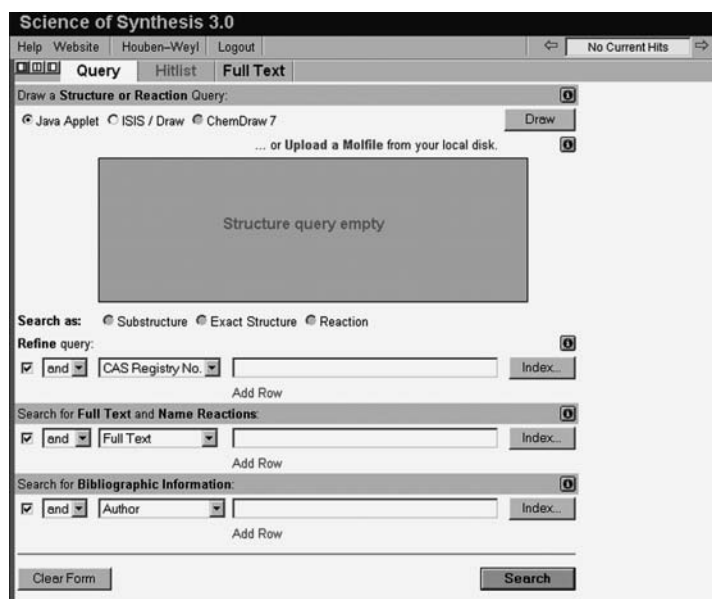


2. The table of contents on the left-hand side is now expandable and therefore enables fast access to related content. If this feature is used together with the book mode (i.e., using the Browse buttons when content is displayed in the Full Text screen), then it is possible to browse through pages in the volumes as you would do using a print edition. This feature makes navigation much easier and means that you can



browse through similar topics or find new areas of interest relating to your chemistry research.

3. The search form on the right-hand side allows **Structure/Reaction** searching, **Full Text** or **Name Reactions** searching, and **Bibliographic Information** searching.



Structure and reaction searching is enabled via ISIS/Draw, ChemDraw 7.0, an inbuilt Java applet, and the possibility of uploading Molfiles. In addition to refining your query with **Catalyst**, **Solvent**, **Reaction Temp.**, and **Reaction Yield**, it is now also possible to refine your search via **CAS Registry Number**.

The new **Name Reactions** option allows you to search both *Science of Synthesis* and *Houben–Weyl* for well-known reactions. It gives you the chance to browse through what is available in the series and to select what is of interest to your work.

The **Bibliographic Information** module allows you to search for information regarding the **Author**, **Book/Journal Title**, and **Publication Year**. If you are only looking for information related to the *Science of Synthesis* series itself, then you can use the **Volume Number**, **Section Number**, and **Page Number** fields.

Other important new features in the product include the ability to **print** out multiple contributions using the table of contents and the provision of a new high quality printout. There is a new **Hitlist** presentation enabling the selection of hits and overall refinement of the list. There is also an overview option in the hitlist defining where the hits are located, i.e., the number of the volume, year published, no. of hits, etc.

In addition, information buttons have been included throughout the product so that the user knows immediately

how to use different functionality, and browse indexes have been introduced where appropriate.

Finally, the look and feel of the *Houben–Weyl* legacy archive has changed so that it now has a very similar appearance as well as functionality to the *Science of Synthesis* module. This means that it is easier to access individual PDF files and select them as well as print or save the appropriate results. Language is also clearly differentiated, i.e., German contributions are identified using pointer flags, and navigation is much easier.

The release of Version 3.0 means that the product is now extremely easy to navigate around and use. The inclusion of additional new functionality means that more powerful search combinations can be defined so that best use is being made of all the available data in both *Science of Synthesis* and *Houben–Weyl*. This resource truly is the organic chemist's most important companion when defining a new synthesis route, preparing a student's tutorial, refining a production process further, or even getting a handle on a creative outburst.

Personal News

Congratulations go to...

- *Science of Synthesis* editorial board member **Professor Steven Ley** (University of Cambridge) on winning the RSC 2005/2006 *Robert Robinson Lectureship* for his outstanding and innovative contributions to synthetic organic chemistry.
- **Professor Varinder Aggarwal** (University of Bristol), author: Volumes 22, 27, and 37, who received the 2004 RSC–*Avecia Award for Organic Reaction Mechanisms*.
- **Professor George Barany** (University of Minnesota, USA), author for *Houben–Weyl* Volume E22a, on winning the

Ralph F. Hirschmann Award in Peptide Chemistry sponsored by Merck Research Laboratories.

- **Professor Mark Lautens** (University of Toronto, Canada), volume editor for Volume 1, on winning the 2006 *Arthur C. Cope Scholar Award* sponsored by the Arthur C. Cope Fund.
- **Professor Hubert Schmidbaur** (Technical University of Munich, Germany), author for Volume 3 on being conferred an honorary doctor at the University of Münster, Germany.
- **Professor Leo Benoiton**, author for *Houben–Weyl* E22a, on the publication of his new book, “Chemistry of Peptide Synthesis” (304 pages).

ICOS-16

Dr. Eusebio Juaristi
Volume 8b Author



The 16th International Conference on Organic Synthesis, co-sponsored by the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC), Academia Mexicana de Ciencias (AMC), and the Division of Organic Chemistry of the American Chemical Society (ACS), will take place during the week of June 11–15, 2006, in Mérida, Yucatán, Mexico.

Hoping to match the fantastic success achieved in previous conferences of this series, ICOS-16 has secured the participation of eight outstanding plenary speakers (50-min presentations): Luiz C. Dias (Brazil), Eric N. Jacobsen (USA), Paul Knochel (Germany), Shū Kobayashi (Japan), Stephen F. Martin (USA), Dieter Seebach (Switzerland), and Joaquín Tamariz (Mexico), and the still-to-be-selected winner of the 2006 Thieme–IUPAC Prize. Additionally, 15 renowned invited speakers will deliver 25-min presentations: Varinder K. Aggarwal (UK), Carsten Bolm (Germany), Margaret Brimble (New Zealand), Cathleen Crudden (Canada), Gregory Fu (USA), Tohru Fukuyama (Japan), Miguel A. García-Garibay (USA), Cesare Gennari (Italy), Minoru Ise (Japan), Eun Lee (Korea), Shengming Ma (China), Carmen Nájera (Spain), Régis Réau (France), Philippe Renaud (Switzerland), and Margarita Suárez (Cuba). Finally, 36 invited experts will partake in six selected symposia in the areas of medicinal chemistry (Chair, Tarek Mansour), organocatalysis (Chair, Carlos Barbas, III), enantioselective synthesis of β -amino acids (Chair, Ferenc Fülöp), organolithium compounds in synthesis (Chair, William F. Bai-

ley), selenium and tellurium in organic synthesis (Chair, João V. Comasseto), and applications of microwave in organic synthesis (Chair, Nicholas E. Leadbeater).

The attendees will be strongly encouraged to participate in the academic program and up to 600 poster presentations will be scheduled during the meeting. Ample space for chemical exhibitors will also be available.

In order to promote and facilitate the interaction between participants, several social events are being programmed; these include an excursion to the archeological site of Uxmal, a conference banquet at a local hacienda, and a performance by the Yucatán's Folkloric Ballet at Mérida's Main Theater.

For additional information on the conference's scientific program, registration procedures, hotel accommodations, submission of contributions for poster presentations, important deadlines, etc., please visit the Web site for ICOS-16: http://www.relaq.mx/RLQ/IUPAC_ICOS-16.html.

About the location: Mérida is the capital of the state of Yucatán, located in the southeastern part of Mexico. The city has a well-connected international airport, with daily flights from Mexico City, Houston and Miami. Travelers can also fly into Cancun and then travel by road (300 km) to Mérida. The Yucatán peninsula offers a variety of attractions for the tourist; these include colonial cities, archeological sites, beaches, ecological reserves, haciendas, etc. For additional information, you may visit <http://www.merida.gob.mx>.

Welcome to New Volume Editors

The *Science of Synthesis* team is pleased to introduce the following new volume editors:

- Volume 31a and 31b Arene–X (X = Hal, O, S, Se, Te) and Arene–X (X = N, P) (Bellus) **Professor Christopher A. Ramsden** (Keele University, UK)



- Volume 37 Ethers (Jacobsen) **Professor Craig J. Forsyth** (University of Minnesota, USA)



- Volume 44 Cumulenes and Allenes (Bellus) **Professor Norbert Krause** (Universität Dortmund, Germany)



- Volume 36 Alcohols, Alcoholates (ROM M = Metal) (Thomas) **Professor Jonathan Clayden** (University of Manchester, UK)



- Volume 43 Polyynes, Arynes, Enynes, and Alkynes (Thomas) **Professor Henning Hopf** (Institut für Organische Chemie, Technische Universität Braunschweig, Germany)



Welcome to New Authors

The *Science of Synthesis* team would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new authors:

Volume 20: Three Carbon–Heteroatom Bonds: Acid Halides; Carboxylic Acids and Acid Salts; Esters and Lactones; Peroxy Acids and R(CO)OX Compounds; R(CO)X, X = S, Se, Te

- Dr. G. Becker (Neckargemünd, Germany)
- Dr. B. Lahue (Schering Plough, Cambridge, MA, USA)

Volume 23: Three Carbon–Heteroatom Bonds: Ketenes and Derivatives

- Dr. J. Kowalczyk (Eisai Research Institute, Wilmington, MA, USA)

Volume 24: Three Carbon–Heteroatom Bonds: Ketene Acetals and Yne–X Compounds

- Dr. J. Morgan (University of Wollongong, Wollongong, Australia)

Volume 28: Quinones and Heteroatom Analogues

- Professor U. Pindur (Universität Mainz, Mainz, Germany)

Volume 31: Arene–X (X = Hal, O, S, Se, Te) and Arene–X (X = N, P)

- Professor M. Alajarín (Universidad de Murcia, Murcia, Spain)
- Dr. J. Berna-Canovas (University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, UK)
- Professor S. Bräse (Universität Karlsruhe, Karlsruhe, Germany)
- Dr. I.R. Butler (University of Wales, Bangor, UK)
- Professor L. Castedo (Universidad de Santiago de Compostela, Santiago de Compostela, Spain)

- Dr. M.J. Chen (Pfizer Global Research and Development, Groton, CT, USA)
- Dr. J.L. Chiara (Instituto de Química Orgánica Biológica General, Madrid, Spain)
- Dr. C.K.-F. Chiu (Pfizer Global Research and Development, Groton, CT, USA)
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- Professor V.V. Zhdankin (University of Minnesota-Duluth, Duluth, MN, USA)

Volume 32: X–Ene–X (X = F, Cl, Br, I, O, S, Se, Te, N, P), Ene–Hal, and Ene–O Compounds

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Volume 35: Chlorine, Bromine, and Iodine

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- Ms. T. Freysoldt (Technische Universität Berlin, Berlin, Germany)
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Volume 37: Ethers

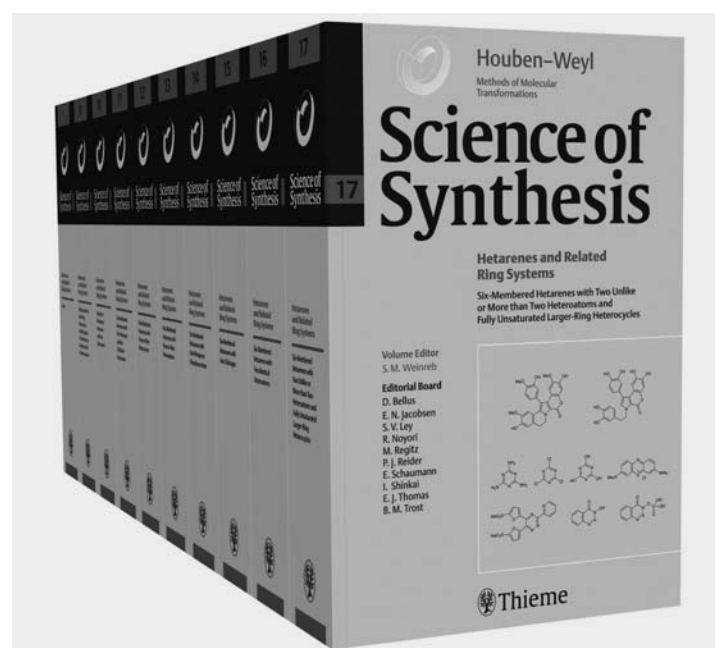
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Workbench Edition of “Category 2: Heterenes and Related Ring Systems”

Between the years 2000 and 2004, 9 hard copy *Science of Synthesis* volumes for Category 2 on the chemistry of heterenes and related ring systems were published. In January 2006, a 10-volume set covering over 53 000 organic and organometallic reactions will be made available as a soft-back Workbench Edition, priced at € 5500 (or \$ 6666). The set will comprise 9 *Science of Synthesis* volumes of Category 2, plus a cumulative index containing tables of contents for all volumes, a keyword index and author index, as well as structural templates and name reactions.

Over 100 expert organic synthesis authors contributed to the 9944 pages that beautifully present the very best synthetic methods available. The volume editors involved with this category were: **Volume 9:** Professor Gerhard Maas (Ulm, Germany), **Volumes 10 and 14:** Professor Jim Thomas (Manchester, UK), **Volume 11:** Professor Ernst Schaumann (Clausthal-Zellerfeld, Germany), **Volume 12:** Professor Reinhard Neier (Neuchâtel, Switzerland), **Volume 13:** Dr Richard Storr and Dr Tom Gilchrist (Liverpool, UK), **Volume 15:** Professor David Black (Sydney, Australia), **Volume 16:** Professor Yoshinori Yamamoto (Sendai, Japan), and **Volume 17:** Professor Steven Weinreb (Pennsylvania, USA).

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Thieme Chemistry, as many of you know, has been present at a number of key conferences for *Science of Synthesis* during this year's conference season. Next to presenting *Science of Synthesis* at booths, the focus this year has been to give you the chance to meet in person others involved in the *Science of Synthesis* project, as well as to allow us to strengthen our network within the scientific information community. Indeed, this year's attendance at the conferences, at the *Science of Synthesis* ACS reception, and at three authors' dinners involved a higher than usual presence from the marketing, sales, and editorial teams.

The feedback we received from those invited, those who had heard about the Thieme events, and from those who sadly declined due to other commitments, was very positive and encouraging. This positive response is, of course, mainly due to those of you who were our guests at one or the other occasion, since the spirit at any of these events depends far more on the attendees than on the set-up (even though, we tried our very best in the latter regard).

Therefore, before I expand a bit on some of the conferences we attended, I would like to thank you all for having joined us this summer – it was a pleasure having you as our guests and we hope to be able to strengthen these ties in the years to come.

14th European Symposium on Organic Chemistry in Helsinki

European Symposia on Organic Chemistry have been held biannually in various European cities since their inauguration in 1979 in Germany. This year's 14th symposium was organized by the University of Helsinki and attracted some 600 attendees from 45 countries, but predominantly from Europe.

Our presence here was certainly a worthwhile and important one, as the chemistry presented was mainly synthetic organic, and thus the participants represented our primary-user target group.

Nine *Science of Synthesis* editors and authors and their wives joined us for dinner in the restaurant Nokka. As service, food, wine, and company were all excellent, four hours quickly passed and we ended up staying in the restaurant until closing time – just before sunset (well... since it was Finland and early July, sunset was around midnight).

OMCOS-13 in Geneva

The IUPAC International Symposium on Organometallic Chemistry Directed Towards



The Authors' Dinner at ESOC-14, Helsinki

Organic Synthesis is a biannual meeting which brings together industrial and academic chemists from around the world to consider the most recent developments in organometallic chemistry, and is particularly interesting for us, as many of our authors tend to be invited speakers.

Peter Kündig's OMCOS-13 attracted over 1200 participants, each of whom wore a Thieme Chemistry badge, lanyard, and bag, since we were one of the main sponsors of this event. Therefore, on Tuesday night, Thieme Chemistry organized a special din-



The Reception to the OMCOS-Thieme Speakers and Award Dinner at OMCOS-13



Thieme Chemistry's Booth at OMCOS-13, Geneva

ner in collaboration with the organizer of OMCOS: the OMCOS–Thieme Speakers & Award Dinner. 83 people including some of the most renowned chemists in the field of organic chemistry enjoyed a really special night on the shores of Lake Geneva.

20th International Congress of Heterocyclic Chemistry in Palermo

International Congresses on Heterocyclic Chemistry are held biannually and are organized through the International Society of Heterocyclic Chemistry (ISHC), the largest society in this field. This year's 20th conference was organized by the Università del Studi di Palermo and was attended by more than 800 chemists from all over the world.



The Author's Dinner at ICHC-20, Palermo

Our invitation to the *Science of Synthesis* editors and authors to attend dinner at the restaurant Cin Cin in Palermo was accepted by 27 authors (including the wives). Ernst Schaumann, editorial board member and volume editor for *Science of Synthesis*, gave a short address. The set menu was delicious – in fact, the best Sicilian food I have ever had!

Even though our display material fell victim to the southern Italian interpretation of punctual delivery, i.e., our material arrived only on the last full day of the conference, the meeting was nonetheless a great success for *Science of Synthesis*, since we were well-known amongst the attendees and could meet up with many people during the breaks and social events.



The OMCOS–Thieme Speaker and Award Dinner at OMCOS-13, Geneva

230th ACS Meeting in Washington

As a regular exhibitor at American Chemical Society (ACS) meetings for more than 5 years, a visit to the Thieme Chemistry booth is on the checklist of a good number of the 15 000+ attendees of the ACS national meetings. The ACS meeting, being scheduled shortly after we released Version 3.0 of the electronic version of *Science of Synthesis*, gave us the perfect opportunity to introduce our visitors to the electronic version's new interface and features through many personalized product demonstrations.

In addition, Thieme Chemistry teamed up with the Chemical Information Division of the ACS (CINF) and hosted a reception, which was attended by more than 100 information specialists and *Science of Synthesis* authors onboard a boat cruise on the Potomac. This was then followed by a pre-dinner reception with drinks and canapés in the Ritz Carlton, Georgetown. Despite some minor hiccups, which taught me that it is perhaps easier to launch a new version of *Science of Synthesis* than it is to properly organize a reception (the boat was unfortunately too small to fit in all attendees and the supply of food was too slow to feed everyone), the reception was regarded as one of the highlights of this ACS meeting by many of our guests and all of them left in good spirits, together with a password for trying out the new interface back home.

Although the four conferences mentioned above were not the only ones we attended and will attend in 2005, they certainly have been the highlights of this year's conference activities. In addition to Thieme Chemistry staff attending conferences, material was also distributed to the attendees of some 30 other conferences either in the delegates' bags or on a table. A list of these conferences is available on our Web site.

Our conference activities are made possible through (and intended to further strengthen) the commercial success of *Science of Synthesis*. Therefore, I would like to thank all of you for contributing to *Science of Synthesis* and I would like to encourage you to share your thoughts with us at one of the upcoming opportunities to meet us in person. This year's conference list is still available online, and the conference list for 2006 will be available later this year on our Web site www.thieme-chemistry.com. There may again be a Thieme dinner or a Thieme-sponsored reception at one of these conferences, to which you will be individually invited closer to the event.