Editorial Announcement

Analytical Sciences is proud to announce the launch of its first electronic-only section, “*X-ray Structure Analysis Online (X page)*”, in January 2003. This new section will report unpublished X-ray structure data of all classes of compounds—organic, organometallic, and inorganic—. Although these X-ray papers are currently published under the section “*Instrumental Achievements*” in the printed Journal, the section was unable to cope with the recent increase in the number of X-ray papers and has caused an unfortunate delay in their publication. We expect that the launch of the new electronic-only section would solve this problem and accelerate their publication to a greater extent. In addition, we will also launch a new section, “*Advancements in Instrumentation*”, which reports exclusively progresses in instrumentation and will be included in the printed Journal. We will accept papers for the new sections after the beginning of October, 2002. Accordingly, the current section, “*Instrumental Achievements*”, which presently reports X-ray structure data as well as other advancements in instrumentation and/or measurements, will no longer call for papers after the end of September, 2002. The section will be discontinued sometime in 2003 after all the backlog papers for the section are published.

The guidelines for submission of papers are the same as those for the “*Instrumental Achievements*”, and the submitted papers will be peer-reviewed according to the Journal’s standards. Instructions to the authors for “*X-ray Structure Analysis Online (X page)*” are presented in the section of *Analytical Sciences* on the website of JSAC.

We believe this new format will accelerate the publication of the papers, particularly, on X-ray structure data, and support advanced research in their respective fields. We welcome submissions to the new sections.

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