

Editorial

The beginning of a new year is traditionally a time for both looking back on the highlights of the previous year and for getting ready to start into the year to come.

The last year was remarkable with respect to two events. First, our journal celebrated its 40th anniversary. The journal was founded as “*Kristall und Technik*” by Professors Will Kleber and Hermann Neels in 1966. The content of the first issue of “*Kristall und Technik*” (subtitle: *Zeitschrift für experimentelle und technische Kristallographie*) consisted of 19 original papers, where 18 of them were written in German and 1 in Russian, and 1 short note. Nowadays, “*Crystal Research and Technology*” is a fully international journal where all contributions are published in English. Moreover, papers ever published in “*Crystal Research and Technology*” are now available online.

Second, the crystallographic community celebrated the 100th anniversary of Will Kleber, one of the founders of *Crystal Research and Technology*. This event was appreciated by a colloquium on December 15, 2006. A brief report about its topics will be given in a forthcoming issue.

The highlight of the year 2007 is certainly the 200th anniversary of the foundation of the Wiley Publishing House and its successful service to a broad scientific community. The motto of Wiley “1807 – 2007 Knowledge for Generations” is also guideline for our engagement in the broad field of theoretical and experimental crystallography. The readers can be sure that we will strive to serve best the crystallographic community in this sense.

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