

Current Contents® Coverage of Chemistry  
in a Multidisciplinary World -- Announcing  
Current Contents®/Physical & Chemical Sciences

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Probably few fields so well characterize the multidisciplinary nature of today's scientific research as "molecular biology" and "astrochemistry". Molecular biology is a conjunction of biology, chemistry, and physics that is still often included in "biochemistry". Astrochemistry includes chemical evolution, a field which has recently reached a dramatic climax in the exobiological implications of the amino acid content of meteorites.

Imagine then the difficulties in attempting to delimit the scope of *Current Contents/Chemical Sciences*. As the catalog or periodicals list of any sizable chemical library illustrates, there is hardly an area of science or technology today that does not involve chemistry.

For the past four years we have published *Current Contents/Chemical Sciences*, but limited its coverage to a relatively small core of journals which included the traditional fields of chemical research. We could not emphasize any of the many emerging chemical subspecialties. However, the attempt has become, for us and our readers alike, increasingly frustrating. We must cover chemistry—or some large part of it—in the *Life Sciences* and *Physical Sciences* editions of *Current Contents* as well as *CC®/Agricultural, Food & Veterinary Sciences*. As we have examined repeated proposals to broaden the

coverage of the *Chemical Sciences* edition of *CC*, we have observed the inevitable duplication of material covered, especially in *Current Contents/Physical Sciences*.

With this issue of *CC*, we are frankly abandoning the attempt to make such narrow distinctions. Beginning with the first issue of 1971 we are merging most of the coverage of *CC/CS* into a newly expanded *Current Contents/Physical & Chemical Sciences*.

Since most of the chemical journals will appear in the Multidisciplinary Section which was common to both the *Physical & Chemical* editions, readers of the *Ag/Food/Vet* edition will now obtain significantly increased coverage of basic research. The few purely engineering and trade publications which were covered by *CC/Chemical Sciences* will be added or continue to be covered in *CC/Engineering & Technology*.

Readers of the former *Chemical Sciences* edition who were used to scanning the structural diagrams can continue to do so without any loss of timing by use of ISI®'s unique weekly *Current Abstracts of Chemistry and Index Chemicus™*. The combined use of *CC/P&CS* and *CAC/IC™*, we believe, will be the most efficient approach to literature coverage for those chemists in synthetic and other chemical re-

search where structural and flow diagrams are useful.

The changes generated by the merger of the two editions of *CC* will, we hope, help to meet our readers' apparently insatiable appetite for increased journal coverage. These changes in journal coverage are indicated on the following page. All journals covered in

*CC/CS*, unless otherwise indicated, will be covered in *CC/P&CS*. The complete list of journals covered in *CC/P&CS* will appear in the next issue – the first for 1971. As in the past we will continue to be responsive to your suggestions and needs for additional coverage.