

## Editorial

Like any scientific discipline, Chemistry has two distinct facets: the empirical (experimental) and the interpretative one. Although, in most scientific papers, both approaches are present, albeit in widely varying proportions, purely theoretical or purely empirical papers are frequently produced and submitted for publication. There is no difficulty with the theoretical papers: as they are usually offering new concepts and ideas they pass the refereeing procedure without much difficulty (provided their scientific and technical levels are satisfactory). However, occasionally, purely »empirical« papers are also submitted, containing considerable amounts of new chemical data, accompanied by little or no interpretation. If the data are both *new and reliable* they may be useful to the scientific community, and therefore deserve publication — although the authors do not know how, or simply do not care, to interpret them. Therefore, the Editorial Board of *Croatica Chemica Acta* decided to include a new category of papers within this Journal's scope: *Data Bank Contributions*. You will find the formal definition of this category of papers in our Instructions to Authors (appearing regularly in the first issue of each volume) whose introductory part is reproduced on the inside page of the cover.

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