

THIS ISSUE

This issue deals with an element so pervasive and so important that a scientific journal is devoted to it. Indeed Elsevier has published the journal *Carbon* since 1963. In 2014, it published over 8000 pages on the subject.

Carbon was first isolated by Lavoisier around 1772. Hence it is an element that has been known for a long time, but modern science now sees it in a much more complex light. The transition from organic matter to its crystalline form, graphite, has now been mapped out, and carbon is at the heart of the nanotechnology revolution.

2015 PREVIEW

As is customary in the final issue of each year, we are pleased to introduce our lineup for the coming year in the next two pages. Most of these proposals were submitted by members of our community, so if you think your area of research will be of interest to a large segment of our readers, consider developing a proposal or at least try out your idea for a potential topic on one of the editors. The editorial team will gather in August 2015 and line up issues for 2017.

THANKS!

As 2014 comes to a close, it is a good moment to acknowledge our contributors. We thank the guest editors and authors who contributed to the six issues of volume 10. Writing for *Elements'* wide audience while dealing with the journal's constraints regarding deadlines and article length requires hard work. We also acknowledge the contribution of reviewers, copyeditors, and proofreaders, who toil in the background, as well as the feature editors, who inform and entertain us with *CosmoElements*, *The Elements Toolkit*, *A Life in Science*, *Calendar*, and *Parting Shots*: Cari Corrigan, Michael Wiedenbeck, Penny King, Andrea Koziol, and Ian Parsons.

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Wishing everyone health, happiness, and prosperity for the coming year!

Georges Calas, John Valley, Patricia Dove, Pierrette Tremblay, and Jodi Rosso

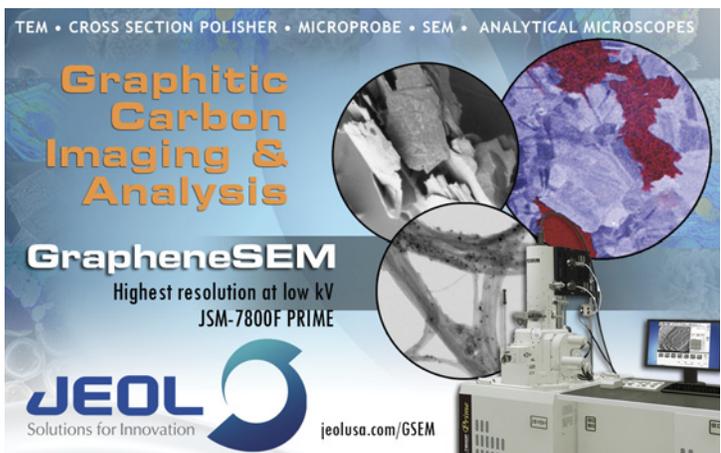
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PARTING WORDS

Dear Colleagues,

After 59 issues, I am retiring from *Elements*, happy with the work accomplished and the road traveled and confident that I leave the magazine in good hands. But I also leave with a lump in my throat because I loved these ten years of engagement and creation.

I particularly want to thank my comrades in arms who accompanied me in this adventure and on whom I counted for the preparation of each issue: my husband, Tom Clark, who has done the copyediting and proofreading since the beginning, as a volunteer for the first seven years; Michel Guay, who has been responsible for the page makeup of each issue, seconded at times by Vincent and Marie-Michèle; and Dolores Durant, volunteer, who has done the proofreading of all the thematic articles.

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As for what comes next—because I am often asked what I am planning to do after retirement—I invite you to read *Parting Shots* in the February 2015 issue and give you a hint, below.

Pierrette Tremblay



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