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## Editorial

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In July 2006, Colloid and Polymer Science (CPS) celebrates its 100th anniversary. The list of authors who published in CPS during this period reads like a “who is who” in colloid and polymer science of the past century. It includes Nobel prize winners like R. Zsigmondy (Chemistry 1925), T. Svedberg (Chemistry 1926), I. Langmuir (Chemistry 1932), H. Staudinger (Chemistry 1953), G. Natta (Chemistry 1963), P.G. de Gennes (Physics 1991), and researchers of highest rank like Wolfgang Ostwald, W. Kuhn, K. Blodgett, H. Ringsdorf, J.E. Mark, E.W. Fischer and H.W. Spiess—to name a few.

CPS, right from the beginning in 1906, was an international journal with board members from all over the world. Despite of this fully international scope, the publishing language was German—CPS started as “Zeitschrift für Chemie und Industrie der Kolloide.” This proves that the industrial impact of colloid research was already evident at that time. With its discovery by H. Staudinger and the vivid discussions on their structure, polymers gained eminent importance in academic research and for technology, especially after the second World War. In response to this development, the title of the journal was changed into “Kolloid-Zeitschrift und Journal für Polymere.” Finally, in

1974, it was renamed as “Colloid and Polymer Science” and the language became English.

The scope of CPS has lost nothing of its importance within the last century. Colloid *and* polymer science is a field of highest scientific as well as technological relevance. Nowadays, CPS is present on a worldwide scale with regional editors in nearly all continents and an editorial board representing all the different disciplines of colloid and polymer research, ranging from synthesis of colloidal and polymer systems to investigation of their fundamental physical properties.

In the present issue manuscripts are collected from leading researchers in their field. It reflects the broadness of the research published in CPS. In the second part historical articles are summarized to document the strength and continuity in which this journal expects its future.

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