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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

In the last issue (Fall 2006) we published a survey asking readers to give us their feedback about the *Chemical Information Bulletin (CIB)*. We got only 16 responses, but there were some interesting suggestions about the format and content of the publication. All respondents said that they usually check the CINF Division Technical Program and the events calendar, as well as any other conference information related to ACS national meetings; they also read the news articles.

Almost all respondents would like to see both print and electronic versions of *CIB*; many supported the idea of having the issues loaded on a searchable database, and most of the people voted for a new design of the cover. Other things on the wish list were related to publishing more interviews (including such with CINF members), news about developments in the chemical information field, reviews of past conferences and information about upcoming ones; reviews of databases and other information resources (for example, "what five resources are a must-purchase for that particular year"), articles devoted to chemical information literacy programs, discussions of issues that chemistry librarians are facing at their particular institutions. One person suggested including a list of new CINF members, with short introductions about each one of them; another one asked for more information on how to contribute to the publication; and a third one suggested that the *Bulletin* could publish extended (or even full) versions of some of the presentations made at ACS national meetings.

This is what some of the respondents said:

- "I look for news about people that I know."
- "I would like to see information about advancing chemical information as a profession and assuring that it gets proper recognition."
- "On the whole, I think that the *Bulletin* is pretty good."
- "The *Bulletin* is really pretty good; keep up the good work."

As you could see, this issue of the *Chemical Information Bulletin* has a new cover. I hope that those who voted for it would be delighted. The design was done by Barb Swartz (Design One), who has been designing the employee newsletters of the ACS Headquarters and CAS for many years. The Chicago skyline on the cover of this issue is familiar even to people who have never visited this city. Many of you will be able to see it "*in vivo*" at the end of March, when the 233rd ACS National Meeting will be held there. In the future, we are planning to have a different picture on the cover of each new issue. This could be a picture of the city in which the imminent ACS national meeting will be held, or we could use other pictures relevant to the Division's activities.

We would like to know what you think of the new cover and the content of the *Bulletin*. You can express your opinions and give us suggestions on how to improve the publication by going to the CINF Web page www.acscinf.org. You could also send me an email at the address shown below.

We look forward to hearing from you!

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