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## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Chemistry has always been a broad and multidisciplinary area of science, encompassing biochemistry, environmental science, materials science, and drug synthesis, to name just a few of its facets. For me, it's the variation in content and applications which makes chemistry so exciting. It's hard to think of a technological or medical advancement that doesn't have its foundation in chemistry. It's wonderful to see this diversity reflected in this year's TSSR chemistry submissions. The authors themselves come from varying backgrounds- nanoscience, medicinal chemistry and chemistry – and the submissions, ranging from hydrogen production to glucose monitoring, reflect the multidisciplinary nature of this field.

I would like to thank the staff in the chemistry department who have contributed to the review process of these articles and for their general advice regarding the TSSR. Without the help of Dr. Mike Southern, Prof. Sylvia Draper, Prof. Mike Lyons, Prof. Isabela Rozas and Dr. Wolfgang Schmitt the chemistry section of the TSSR would not have come to fruition.

I also found it interesting to note that various TCD chemistry lecturers co-authored several of the papers referenced by the TSSR chemistry authors in their reviews. This is a great display of students taking interest in their lecturers' research work, and is also an indication that Trinity staff are at the forefront of research in their field.

Perhaps the most important people to thank are the TSSR authors themselves. Whether successful in their submission or not, they are to be commended for using their free time to research and write on topics interesting to them, and for producing high quality and engaging review articles. I am very appreciative of the time and effort put into each submission and I believe that this volume is an excellent representation of the incredible talent and drive within students in Trinity College.

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