



## Editorial

### Ruby edition

This is the last issue of volume 40 and it is a special issue celebrating our 40th year of publication – our ‘ruby’ anniversary. We are very proud of this achievement and thought it appropriate, therefore, to include some papers on the historical aspects of the science and technology of ruby colloidal gold, used for decorative applications, as well as some on the latest developments.

The scientific understanding of colloidal gold began with Faraday, of course, and the classic papers by John Turkevitch, published in Gold Bulletin in 1985 (GB, **18**(3), 86-91 & **18**(4), 125-131), are among the most downloaded papers from the website archive. This may well be a reflection of the importance of the modern evolution of the science – gold nanotechnology (of which gold catalysis is a part).

### Nanotechnology

The Editorial team recognise the growing interest in gold nanotechnology and plan to strengthen the nanotechnology content of Gold Bulletin in future issues. This does depend, of course, on being offered suitable manuscripts for publication! The inclusion of the new feature, **NanoTech Gold News**, is a starting point. If you would like to contribute to this feature with news of scientific advances, commercial applications, conference reports or simply news of your research group and its activities, we would be more than pleased to hear from you (e-mail: [editor@goldbulletin.org](mailto:editor@goldbulletin.org)).

### New Editorial Board

In the light of Gold Bulletin’s continuing success, the Editorial team (see picture) has been considering how we

can strengthen the journal. This has included the desire to upgrade and extend our small Technical Advisory Committee, which supports the work of the Editorial team, to a full, larger international **Editorial Board**. To achieve this aim, we have invited a number of active and eminent people within the gold community – industry and academia – with a passion for gold who, we believe, can help us to promote the science, technology and applications of gold and who embrace the wide range of disciplines and subjects that we cover in this journal. The full list can be found on the contents page and on the website. On behalf of the Editorial team, I welcome them on board and look forward to their involvement and support.

### GOLD 2009

In my capacity as chairman of the Organising Committee, I was delighted to announce the date and venue for GOLD 2009, the 5th international conference on the science and applications of gold (see last issue and next page). There were five excellent offers to host this conference and it was a very difficult decision to select the best. **Heidelberg** in Germany succeeded and I am sure it will prove to be a great success. However, I would like to thank the other candidates for their hard work and enthusiasm. All would have been worthy hosts. Watch the conference website, [www.gold2009.org](http://www.gold2009.org) and this journal for further details in the near future.



**The Editorial Team wishes its readers a Happy New year!**

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