

Journal of Synchrotron Radiation: Current Status and Issues

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The *Journal of Synchrotron Radiation (JSR)* continues to provide the synchrotron radiation research community a venue for publication of important research and instrumentation/technique development. For the calendar years 2002, 2003, and 2004 the overall number of articles published was 320, comprising 1400 pages. Based on discussions from the last editors meeting (due in part to the adverse effect of conference proceedings in the calculation of the journal impact factor), major conference proceedings are no longer sought after by the journal. Rather, the main editors believe that special issues focused on a particular topic (often the highlights of a larger conference) provide the synchrotron radiation community with high quality summaries of important developments in the field. In the last three years five Special Issues of the journal were published. We see this as a growth area as we already have commitments for 5 Special Issues in 2005. In 2004 Facility Information pages, one page per issue is devoted to each of the three third-generation hard X-ray sources (APS, ESRF, and Spring-8), were initiated. These pages provide an opportunity for these facilities to communicate important news and updates to the international community of synchrotron radiation users. The content of these pages, along with expansion of information pages to other facilities will be discussed.

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