

# 20 years of blogging

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## Abstract

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I decided to do this manually, which gives me the opportunity to reflect on my 20 years of blogging and 20 years of research. It has been an utter joy to read about all the open science and all the innovation that happened around those times, and all the collaborations. For example, the fun of [Postgenomics and Chemical blogspace](#). The early semantic web discussions, FOAF, rewrite of JChemPaint, use of the Chemical Markup Language, and so much more.

At the same time, the two years of Rogue Scholar give new opportunities. Starting with DOIs, blog PDFs and ePUBs, to JSON feeds, grant acknowledgements, and CiTO annotations. It also allows me to update links (e.g. to the blog of Peter Murray-Rust) and to properly cite other blogs (e.g. that of Rich Apodaca and Henry Rzepa).

I think science blogging is alive and kicking and looking forward to another 20 years of blogging and another 20 years of science dissemination innovation!