Publisher's note

With the close of this year Professor J. Grant Buchanan and Dr. John Webber will retire as Editors of *Carbohydrate Research*. The Publisher and their fellow Editors would like to express the sincerest gratitude for the care which John and Grant have shown over the journal and to offer the very best wishes for the future.

John Webber has been an Editor of the journal since it was founded in 1965. Working closely with Allan Foster and subsequently with Grant Buchanan, John has always applied meticulous standards of editorial and scientific detail to his work as an Editor, and has naturally played a key role in establishing the high reputation that the journal now has.

Grant Buchanan joined *Carbohydrate Research* when Professor Allan Foster retired in 1992, having been on the Editorial Board since 1965. He brought with him all the experience of a long and distinguished scientific career during which he made seminal contributions on the structures of carbohydrate biomolecules and in important areas of synthesis and reactivity. His career was honoured by many of his colleagues in a special volume of this journal. We are proud to have had the benefit of his care and judgment as an Editor.

Grant and John have now ceased to handle new manuscript and any manuscripts that they do receive will be forwarded directly to one of the other Editors of the journal. However, they will continue to finalise editorially all manuscripts that they are already dealing with.