

## Preface

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An eminent carbohydrate chemist has attained yet another milestone in a most distinguished career. This year Professor Derek Horton is celebrating his 70th birthday. In commemoration of this event, the Editors—acting unbeknownst to Professor Horton—invited his fellow carbohydrate scientists to contribute research papers, each ‘Dedicated to Professor Derek Horton on the occasion of his 70th birthday’. The response was overwhelming, with some 48 papers being accepted to date, along with numerous notes from well-wishers who were unable to provide a paper.

In sincere appreciation and in recognition of

Professor Horton’s long and distinguished career in the carbohydrate field—a career that touches upon almost every aspect of carbohydrate science, including monosaccharide and polysaccharide chemistry, the chemistry of antibiotics, conformational analysis, nomenclature, and last but not least, some 38 years as an Editor of *Carbohydrate Research*—we, the Editors, join with the Publisher, Elsevier Science Ltd., and with scores of friends and colleagues to wish Professor Horton the very best in this, his 70th year, and look forward to working with him in the years ahead.