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Editorial

It has been a great pleasure to edit this issue of *Carbohydrate Research* as a tribute to the work of the late Professor W. Pilnik. The willingness of researchers to contribute to this issue speaks well of the high regard with which Professor Pilnik's work is held. As a young researcher venturing into the carbohydrate area I was certainly inspired by his investigation of pectin structure and function. I hope the articles in this issue reflect current views on the broad range of issues addressed by Professor Pilnik and serve

to inspire young scientists to work on pectin, a complex but fascinating polysaccharide.

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