

Editorial

## Dedication to Geoffrey Hallas

Dr Geoffrey Hallas



This issue of *Dyes and Pigments* is to celebrate the 65th anniversary of Geoffrey Hallas' birth on 30 April 1934.

After a distinguished undergraduate performance, he carried out postgraduate work with Dr. C. C. Barker at the University of Hull and so started a deep and long-lasting interest in colour. His academic career began at Huddersfield College of Technology, an institute with a long history of research in colour chemistry, and he then lectured at the Universities of Salford and Leeds. He has spent some 30 happy and fruitful years in the Department of Colour Chemistry at Leeds, including a period as acting Head of Department when his systematic and logical approach to all things proved equal to the demand of administrative matters. His teaching and organising ability and his friendly attitude have been appreciated by many students, in particular by those whose research programmes he supervised, and of course by his colleagues.

Geoff has published many papers and reviews not only on colour chemistry, most notably on triphenylmethane and azo dyes, but also on various aspects of organic chemistry. He has written a masterful text on stereochemistry and with an ex-research student, edited *The Chemistry and Application of Dyes* in the *Topics in Applied Chemistry* series. His contributions to chemistry extended beyond research and teaching, with many years service as an examiner at school and undergraduate level, the former for the Northern Universities Joint Matriculation Board and its succeeding body and the latter at various Universities in the UK. The Society of Dyers and Colorists has benefitted from his expertise, especially from his work with the Colour Index.

I and all his friends wish him a long and happy retirement. We applaud his contributions to colour chemistry throughout a long and distinguished career.

**John Hepworth**