

Editorial

After twenty-four years of service to the journal and much longer to inorganic chemistry, Professor U. Croatto is to stand down as Editor-in-Chief of *Inorganica Chimica Acta* to become our Founding Editor.

In the middle of the 1960s, back from a long stay in the U.S.A., I suggested to Professor Croatto the foundation of an international journal covering all areas of modern inorganic chemistry. After a careful examination of the suggestions of outstanding scientists from around the whole world, Professor Croatto complied with the proposal with intuition and a great deal of enthusiasm. The foundation of *Inorganica Chimica Acta* took place in 1965. Its growth was very rapid.

The vivid participation of many scientists and collaborators allowed us to overcome the first indescribable difficulties. There were moments of worry and of exciting animation, with a powerful exchange of opinions amongst scientists of different scientific experiences.

The publication has been growing all the time, so that it has been necessary to have a twice monthly publication instead of quarterly. In order to give greater strength to the journal, a partnership was established with Elsevier Sequoia S.A. in 1974.

In taking on the position of Editor-in-Chief of *Inorganica Chimica Acta*, I wish to ensure everybody – authors, referees, readers, members of the Editorial Board and Elsevier's staff – that I will carry on to the best of my ability the work begun by Professor Croatto, whose invaluable experience will help me. The final goal is to offer the international scientific community a modern inorganic chemistry journal, which is scientifically scrupulous and highly qualified, in strict cooperation with all those people involved in the life of the journal; this represents the safest guarantee of further, meaningful qualitative growth.

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