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Foreword

Almost 2 years ago, it was a great pleasure to be asked to act as guest editor for a special honour issue of the *International Journal of Mass Spectrometry* dedicated to Brian Green to mark his 65th birthday and to recognise his many contributions to mass spectrometry. He has spent over 40 years working in the United Kingdom mass spectrometer manufacturing industry and many mass spectrometrists all over the world have benefited from the many technical innovations that he has been associated with. Throughout his career, Brian has always been enthusiastic to collaborate with colleagues in academic institutions and in industry and although a number have now retired, it is a pleasure to acknowledge the contributions from current and former co-workers that make up this honour issue of the *Journal*. It is a particular pleasure to honour someone much of whose work has been carried out quietly in the background but which has had such a great impact on the work of others.

For many years, Brian was associated with a number of major developments in the production of high resolution magnetic sector instruments which have consistently been amongst the world's best. More recently, he has turned his attention to the use of electropray ionisation with the "Quattro" triple qua-

drupole instrument which has led him increasingly into biological mass spectrometry.

Brian has always been a practical mass spectrometrist, never happier than when he is coaxing the best out of his instrument while balancing his cigarette on top of it. Many colleagues have found that a day spent with Brian, during which he was always happy to share his expertise and experience, was of immense value. Many of us have found that if you really want to know exactly what to do to get the best spectrum, one simply has to visit his laboratory and watch Brian in action! It was fitting that in 1996, his contributions to British mass spectrometry were recognised by his being invited to give the Maccoll Lecture at the British Mass Spectrometry Society Meeting in Swansea at which he was also presented with the Society's Aston Medal. This honour issue allows the wider mass spectrometry community to acknowledge his contribution to the subject. Although there was talk of his retiring at 65, happily there are no signs of his forsaking his laboratory. His many friends and colleagues look forward to his friendship and guidance for many years to come.

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