

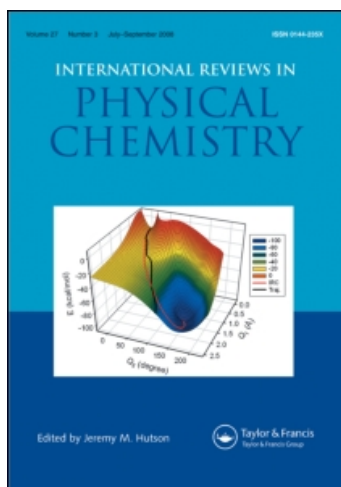
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David Craig

This issue of *International Reviews in Physical Chemistry* is dedicated to Professor D. P. Craig, F.R.S., F.A.A., who retired recently from the Foundation Professorship of Physical and Theoretical Chemistry in the Research School of Chemistry in the Australian National University.



David Parker Craig was born in Sydney in 1919. He was educated at the Sydney Church of England Grammar School and the University of Sydney, where his first research was carried out under D. P. Mellor. After the war, he obtained his Ph.D. under C. K. Ingold at University College London and was appointed to a lectureship there, establishing a successful theoretical group. In 1952 he returned to Sydney as Professor of Physical Chemistry and then from 1956-67 was Professor of Theoretical Chemistry at University College London, moving to the Research School of Chemistry in Canberra in 1967 where he remained as Professor of Physical and Theoretical Chemistry until his retirement at the end of 1984. He is continuing his research in the Department of Chemistry of the Australian National University.

In February 1985 a symposium in his honour was held in the Australian National University. Its title was *The Interface between Theory and Experiment* and its range was so wide that speakers were asked to aim their talks at a general rather than a specialized chemical audience. The symposium was of outstanding quality and a strong feeling emerged that the scientific community would benefit through the publication of a number of the lectures. Since they were wide-ranging, timely and of high didactic value,

it is appropriate that they should be published in *International Reviews in Physical Chemistry*—particularly in view of David Craig's membership of the Editorial Board.

Dr M. A. Collins of the Research School of Chemistry, a colleague of David Craig, organized and edited this special issue. We are very grateful to all the contributors and especially to Dr Michael Collins.

The Editors