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Massimo Simonetta

This issue of *International Reviews in Physical Chemistry* is dedicated to the late Professor M. Simonetta of the University of Milan.



Massimo Simonetta had wide-ranging interests and made many important contributions to physical chemistry. He was a valued member of our Editorial Board and contributed two articles himself ('The structure of ions pairs in solution', volume 1, p. 31; and 'Force field calculations in structural chemistry and molecular crystallography of hydrocarbons', volume 4, p. 39). His numerous papers speak for themselves. A list of his publications is reproduced here, and we are grateful to Professor Aldo Gamba and his colleagues in Milan for providing both this and the photograph.

We believe that this issue, as well as being a tribute to Professor Simonetta, is something of a show window for Italian physical chemistry. The present strength of our subject in Italy owes much to the example and foresight of Massimo Simonetta.

The next issue of *International Reviews* will contain the following four articles dedicated to Professor Simonetta: 'Vibrational Relaxation in Molecular Crystals' by S. Califano and V. Schettino; 'Dynamical Coupling and Energy Transfer in Weakly Bound Molecular Complexes' by F. A. Gianturco; 'Spin Coupled Valence Bond Theory' by D. L. Cooper, J. Gerratt and M. Raimondi; and 'New Methods of Probing the Structure of Catalysts' by C. Williams, S. Yashonath and J. M. Thomas.

The Editors