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Editorial

The manuscripts in this Symposium Issue came from presentations at the *XVIII th International Carbohydrate Symposium* held in Milan, Italy, July 21-26, 1996. The responses to a call for papers resulted in the largest symposium issue that the *Journal of Carbohydrate Chemistry* has published to date. For that we thank the organizers in Italy and all of the contributors who have worked so well with the Editors in producing this volume. My special thanks to the Regional Editors who put forth such an effort to bring this issue together, particularly in light of the death of our beloved colleague, Professor Akira Hasegawa, in October 1996.

The issue includes a variety of research topics, as has been the tradition with previous Symposia issues, and is indicative of the ever increasing interest in carbohydrates and carbohydrate chemistry.

Donald E. Kiely

Editor

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