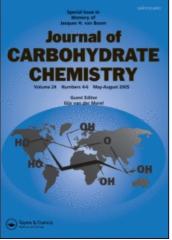
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SPECIAL ISSUE

In Memory of Professor Jacques H. van Boom

As an editor of the *Journal of Carbohydrate Chemistry* I have a chance to interact with many members of our chemistry community on a daily basis. These mostly positive interactions involve in many cases the members of the editorial board that help us to chart the course of this publication and ensure the quality reviewing of the articles. But sometimes some sad tasks arise—such as is the case when one of the members of our community passes away. This issue is certainly a mix of both—the realization that one of the top practitioners in the carbohydrate field is not among us anymore, but also the awareness that this special issue points to the legacy that Professor van Boom leaves. He is among the giants upon whose shoulders we work.

It is a particular pleasure to have Professor Gujs van der Marel as editor of this special issue, as he was a close collaborator of Professor van Boom throughout his career. May this issue be witness to the legacy of Professor van Boom that lives on in his scientific contributions and in the work of those he trained.

Peter H. Seeberger