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Foreword

This year the *Journal of Fluorine Chemistry* celebrates the publication of its 100th Volume. With the help of Eric Banks we have compiled this special commemorative issue, the grand aim of which was to include papers from each of the many varied subject areas of fluorine chemistry. Eric Banks has also provided a few relevant chapters from his forthcoming book, *Fascinated by Fluorine*.

The first paper, by Colin Tatlow, covers the history of the journal from its start to the present day.

As you may be aware, in 1998 we inaugurated the Harry Emeléus Fluorine Prize, to commemorate one of the foun-

ders of the journal. This issue contains a biography of Harry Emeléus, followed by a biography of the first recipient of the Emeléus prize, Dr V.A. Petrov.

We wish to express our gratitude to all journal users — authors, editors and librarians for their continued support and interest. We welcome constructive criticism and suggestions for improvement at any time. We also look forward to being of service over the next 100 Volumes!

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