

## Editors' Preface

It gives us much pleasure to dedicate this issue to Professor H. M. Powell FRS since readers of this *Journal* will need no reminding of the fundamental contribution which Professor Powell made to the development of the inclusion phenomenon.

Professor Powell has elsewhere recounted how he decided on the name 'clathrate' for the new type of system he discovered [*J. Incl. Phenom.* 1, 3 (1983/4)]. We are fortunate in having been able to persuade two of his former coworkers to recount their experiences of their time at Oxford, thus giving us a further insight into this fascinating story.

Professor Powell characterised four main systems: the clathrates of quinol, tri-*ortho*-thymotide and of Dianin's compound and the precursor of the Hofmann-type inclusion compounds – the nickel ammonia cyanide benzene compound. In compiling this dedicated issue we therefore decided to invite contributions mainly from groups which are actively studying these compounds thus demonstrating that the compounds first characterised by Professor Powell are still yielding significant new results. We very much hope that you consider this issue to be a fitting tribute to the 'father' of inclusion chemistry.

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