

Preface

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The present issue entitled “Molecular Recognition Across Disciplines” is dedicated to Prof. Jack M. Harrowfield and Dr. Jacques Vicens on the occasion of their 65th birthdays.

Altogether, 24 articles have been contributed to this special issue. As is evident from the subjects and names and addresses of the authors, research on molecular recognition is cross disciplinary; organic and coordination chemistry, nanochemistry, calixarenes chemistry, biochemistry, and philosophy, and across countries, giving a particularly international flavour. No less than twelve separate countries—Australia, China, England, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Thailand, Viet Nam, and USA—are represented in the present issue corresponding to countries of colleagues, collaborators,

friends, and family of Jack Harrowfield and Jacques Vicens, working in these different fields of research.

This international flavour is also reflected in the editorship of this issue. With a Korean editor wishing to create a special issue dedicated to two friends—one from Australia and the other from France—communication between the editor and his friends and contributors, as well as with the staff of Springer, in particular Ms. Lutchelle Comparativo, located in the Netherlands, has sometimes been complicated simply due to the spread of time zones, and the patient contribution of Springer to this special issue of the Journal of Inclusion Phenomena and Macrocyclic Chemistry is heartily appreciated.

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