

EDITORIAL

Professor E. A. (Tony) Evans

For more than a decade the UK Editorship of the *Journal of Labelled Compounds and Radiopharmaceuticals* has been in the capable hands of Tony Evans and as he steps aside his countless friends and admirers would, I am sure, like to join with me in extending our very best thanks for a job well done. When Tony took over from Dr John Catch the then *Journal of Labelled Compounds* was published quarterly. Now it appears monthly.

Many of the papers deal with the synthesis and analysis of tritium labelled compounds, areas to which Tony made great contributions, particularly through his authorship of *Tritium and its Compounds*, which will remain the standard text for years to come, and co-authorship of the *Handbook of Tritium NMR Spectroscopy and Applications*, as well as innumerable research publications.

For the last seven years he has combined his job at Amersham International, where he is the group patents and licensing manager, with a Visiting Professorship in the Chemistry Department at the University of Surrey. It is particularly fitting therefore that the International Isotope Society, of which Tony was the first President is organising, through its UK branch, a two-day symposium (July 19-21, 1992) on the theme Tritium: Synthesis, NMR and Applications, to be held at Guildford. Further details will appear in the Journal in due course and it is the intention to publish the presentations as part of a future issue of the journal.

A change in editorship brings with it an opportunity of making a fresh start, of questioning accepted practices and of proposing new initiatives. These will be welcome as it is only in this way that we can ensure the continued success of the Journal.

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