

EDITORIAL

Inevitably with the passage of time the composition of the editorial team changes and this provides an opportunity to thank those that have rendered distinguished service whilst at the same time welcoming new members.

Professor Erwin Buncel has served as the editor for North America for the last six years. In a career covering more than 40 years Erwin has published more than 300 research papers in the general area of physical organic chemistry, often making use of isotopes in a very perceptive manner. He has been prominent in the affairs of the International Isotope Society and co-organised (with Prof. George Kabalka) the very successful 4th international meeting that was held in Toronto in 1991. The excellence of his research has been widely recognised, of which the R. U. Lemieux award in organic chemistry by the Canadian Society for Chemistry (in 1999) is only the most recent. In 1998 a special issue of the *Canadian Journal of Chemistry* was dedicated to him in recognition of his many achievements. We thank him for his work on behalf of the journal and wish him, as he celebrates his 70th birthday, continued success with his research; a further two books are also nearing completion.

Dr Philip G. Williams has kindly agreed to become the next Labelled Compounds Editor for North America. Philip gained his PhD in 1979 from the University of New South Wales, where his supervisor was Professor Mervyn Long, working on zeolite catalysis of hydrogen isotope exchange reactions. A short stay at Surrey was followed by further research at UNSW and then the Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research prior to, in 1986, being appointed to the staff of the National Tritium Labelling Facility, Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory where he currently holds the position of senior scientist. He also holds an adjunct Associate Professor appointment in the Department of Pharmaceutical Chemistry in the University of California at San Francisco. In his research over the last 15 years Philip has established strong links with academics and industrialists and in the process developed new and improved tritiation procedures as well as applying the potential of tritium nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy to the full. Recently catalytic oxidation studies, with considerable potential in the radioactive waste area, have been initiated. We look forward very much to having the benefit of his experience.

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