

## EDITORIAL FOREWORD

The appearance of the fourth issue of Volume 1 of our journal marks the last of our 1987 issues. At the completion of our first year of existence, it seems to me an appropriate time to take stock of developments over the past year. The occasion also provides me with a convenient opportunity to thank all of those who have contributed to the undoubted success of the new journal.

Our journal was formally launched at an International Conference on Mathematical Chemistry held at the University of Georgia (Athens, Georgia, USA) from 15–20 March 1987. Enthusiastic support for the new journal from the Conference participants was evident from the outset. Over the past several months, many have been as good as their word and have submitted manuscripts, encouraged others to contribute to the journal, have engaged in valuable publicity actions on behalf of the journal, and have served in the role of referees.

As referees perform an important task but frequently remain unacknowledged, I would like to record here my indebtedness to those who acted as referees for our journal over the past year. So that they shall not be forgotten, they are listed here by name in alphabetical order: S. Bertz, D. Bonchev, E.R. Canfield, S. El-Basil, A.L. Goodson, I. Gutman, W.C. Herndon, H. Hosoya, R.B. King, D.J. Klein, M.H. Lee, P.G. Mezey, K.C. Millett, M. Randić, A.J. Schwenk, J. Simon, D.W. Sumners, N. Trinajstić, and T.P. Živković.

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Finally, I should like to express my gratitude to everyone who has contributed in any way to making our journal a viable enterprise. Such persons would certainly include those who have contributed manuscripts, our subscribers, our printers and distributors, and our publisher who has assisted in every way possible with unfailing kindness and courtesy. With such unstinting support and enthusiasm, it would seem that we can look forward to our second year with confidence. It is good to know that our journal is gradually gaining in acceptance.

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