EDITORIAL FOREWORD

The appearance of this issue of our journal marks the beginning of our third year of existence. It is fair to say that the *Journal of Mathematical Chemistry* has grown so much in stature that it can now take its place alongside the various other, longer established journals of theoretical chemistry. This growth is in no small measure due to the continuing support the journal is receiving from many different quarters, not least of whom are the scientists and mathematicians who send in their manuscripts for publication. Some first-rate contributions were submitted during the past year, and these will be appearing on our pages in the 1989 issues. Our policy of publishing papers from all the manifold areas of mathematical chemistry remains unchanged. Authors are thus encouraged to submit manuscripts relating to the application of any branch of mathematics to problems of chemical interest.

Because of the growth of the journal since its inception, we feel the time has come to begin to expand our Editorial Advisory Board further. With this issue, three distinguished scientists from the United States join us. They serve to strengthen us in areas where perhaps greater emphasis is called for. Professor K. Balasubramanian of the Arizona State University has worked in the areas of chemical combinatorics and quantum theory. Professor C. Alden Mead is noted for his work on the chemical applications of group theory and his studies of chirality. Professor M.C. Zerner has focused mainly on quantum chemistry; he is an Associate Editor of the *International Journal of Quantum Chemistry*. We look forward to mutually beneficial collaboration with all of them. We anticipate that additional Board members will be appointed during this year.

One other idea we are currently exploring is the publication of special issues of the *Journal of Mathematical Chemistry* devoted to particular themes within the broad domain of mathematical chemistry. The first of these is scheduled to be published this year as the proceedings of an international conference on *Chemical Applications of Graph Theory and Topology,* held in Galveston, Texas in March. Suggestions for future special issues will be most welcome. In fact, proposals from our readers on how we may make our journal more interesting are always welcome.

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