

EDITORIAL FOREWORD

This issue of the *Journal of Mathematical Chemistry*, which marks the completion of our third year of existence, provides me with a convenient opportunity to announce an important new development concerning our journal. As I have mentioned in past Editorials, our journal is now enjoying growing support and acceptance from many different quarters. This trend is a highly gratifying one, but has unfortunately brought in its wake a mounting burden on your Editor as ever more manuscripts are received for publication. Because of this steadily increasing burden, we have decided to institute a major change from the beginning of 1990. I have asked two very distinguished mathematical chemists to share with me joint editorship of our journal and I am happy to report that both have accepted. Starting with the next issue, the two new Editors joining me will be Professors **Paul Mezey** and **Nenad Trinajstić**, and I shall continue to be involved as Consultant and Founding Editor.

The two new Editors will assume responsibility for the handling of all correspondence with authors relating to the publication of material in the *Journal of Mathematical Chemistry*, the refereeing process, and the dispatch of accepted manuscripts to the printer. Accordingly, from now on all manuscripts submitted to the journal for publication should be sent to one of the two new Editors. Their addresses are as follows:

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Authors are free to choose either of these Editors for the submission of their manuscripts. Any manuscript addressed to myself will be forwarded to one of these two Editors.

As I take my departure from the day-to-day running of the journal, I would like to express my great indebtedness to the many individuals who have helped me to get the journal launched. They are too numerous to mention by name, but would certainly include all those who submitted manuscripts, our subscribers, our typesetters, printers, publisher and distributors. I would also acknowledge support from the Editor of the Newsletter of the International Society for Mathematical Chemistry and the organizers of the International Conference on Mathematical Chemistry held

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in Galveston, Texas during March 1989. Without all of them, I could not have succeeded in getting our journal established.

A final word of thanks must go to the unsung heroes of all journals: the anonymous referees who perform an often difficult and thankless task. In our case, we have had the cooperation of referees who have worked diligently behind the scenes and who have contributed greatly to the success of the journal. In this respect, we have been extremely fortunate. So that their important contribution shall not be forgotten, I am recording their names here in alphabetical order: A.T. Balaban, 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. Millet, L. Peusner, M. Randić, A.J. Schwenk, J. Simon, V.I. Sokolov, D.W. Sumners, N. Trinajstić, and T.P. Živković.

Operating the journal over the past three years has been an absorbing task that at times has been both exhilarating and exhausting. It has provided me with a unique opportunity of getting to know better the work of many outstanding mathematical chemists and also of becoming acquainted with many of the individuals themselves. In short, it has been an experience that I would not have wanted to miss. I can only hope that my successors in running the journal will share in some of the satisfaction and joy that I have felt over the past three years. I certainly wish both of them every success in their new roles.

Dennis H. Rouvray
Editor