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Preface

This special volume of the *Journal of Molecular Catalysis A* is dedicated to Professor Michel Boudart, a pioneer and a pillar of modern catalysis.

Michel Boudart, a disciple of Prof. Sir H.S. Taylor, has been at the origin of many new concepts. His ideas and proposals have deeply impacted on and inspired the whole catalysis community.

Michel Boudart has been a pioneer in many ways. These include the design of new catalytic materials, novel approaches to and methods for the characterisation of catalysts, and a unique insight in the role and importance of reaction kinetics at the molecular level.

Michel Boudart acted as a source of inspiration and as a pole of attraction in the catalysis community. Students, postdoctoral fellows, and other visitors of his laboratory will never forget his vision, his remarkable awareness of catalysis, world-wide, past and present, and his continuous support. His views deeply inspired and impacted on their research, in both the academic and industrial communities.

All of us, editors of this special volume, are disciples of Michel Boudart. It is to our great satisfaction that many scientists who all had professional relationship with Michel Boudart accepted with great enthusiasm to contribute to this feitschrift and honour him. This volume highlights recent progresses in areas that were pioneered by Michel Boudart.

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