



Publisher's Note

This year marks an important milestone for the Journal of Molecular Catalysis A: Chemical, not only in terms of publication schedule but more importantly, editorial structure. At the end of this year, Professor Walter Marconi will retire as Editor of the Journal. Walter was one of the founding Editors of the Journal in 1975, when he proposed to the late Director of the Lausanne branch of Elsevier (Sequoia) to publish a journal entirely devoted to the molecular aspects of both chemical and enzymatic catalysis. The journal then started in late 1975 and Walter has acted as Editor since that time. Under Walter's editorship, and in no small part due to his dedication and unflinching commitment to quality, the Journal has prospered. The Journal of 2002 is a 16 volume, high quality and well-respected publication that has contributed much to the advance of research in the area of Molecular Catalysis and which continues to attract contributions from the major researchers in the field. As such, the Journal is a fitting tribute to Walter's achievements of the past 25 years as Executive Editor.

We would like to thank Walter sincerely for his valuable contribution and for a long, constructive and enjoyable working relationship.

Walter will continue his association with the Journal as Founding Editor and Editorial Board member of the journal.

We are pleased to announce that Professor Matthias Beller has been appointed to succeed Walter as Editor. Matthias Beller studied chemistry at the University of Göttingen and continued his post doctoral studies at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Since his graduation in 1990 he has held various positions in industry and more recently academic posts. Since June 1998 he is Director of the "Institute for Organic Catalysis" (IfOC) at the University of Rostock aligned with a full professorship "Catalysis" at the University of Rostock.

His research topics cover the development of practical catalytic methodologies. Special attention is given to selective and environmentally benign transformations and more specifically related to palladium-catalyzed coupling reactions, carbonylation reactions, catalytic amination of olefins and oxidations of olefins using air or molecular oxygen as final oxidant.

We wish him every success and much personal satisfaction in this new position. Manuscripts can be sent to Professor Beller from 1st September 2002 onwards at the following address:

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