

Prefaces

The publishers and the Editorial Board of the Journal of Organometallic Chemistry are pleased to have this opportunity of joining with the contributors to this special issue in congratulating Colin Eaborn on the occasion of his 65th birthday.

Colin was one of the founding editors of the journal and has thus been associated with it for a full quarter of a century. As is abundantly clear from the Introduction, those 25 years have been extraordinarily productive ones in terms of the significance of his scientific contributions to the literature. Nevertheless, he still found time to cope with all the work associated with his regional editorship of the journal, and has impressed everyone with his editing skills, having built up an enviable reputation for being critical, but always absolutely fair. An ideal combination.

So both as a scientist and as an editor he is universally well-liked and respected. The combination of these factors has been instrumental in the successful progression from one volume of the journal per year to more than twenty times that number. He can look back with pride and satisfaction on his vital contribution to this achievement.

On his 65th birthday we offer Colin our very best wishes, and hope that he and Joyce will enjoy many more happy and fruitful years.

For the Publishers, **Marc Atkins**

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I was both flattered and delighted when approached to be a Guest Editor for this special volume of *J. Organomet. Chem.*, in honour of Colin Eaborn's 65th birthday. Colin has been a tremendous support to me during my period at Sussex University, and this represented a unique opportunity to express my gratitude to him. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the scientists around the world who made this issue possible. The regional editors, the authors, and (often forgotten in their anonymity) the referees have all responded with an enthusiasm and punctuality which speaks volumes for the deep regard which they all hold for Colin. In particular, however, I would like to thank Prof. M.F. Lappert, Dr. D.R.M. Walton and Ms. Jean Hudson, without whose combined efforts this volume would not have appeared on time.

Kenneth R. Seddon