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Editorial

This is a time of much excitement for the *Journal of Organometallic Chemistry*. As Publishing Editor within Elsevier Science responsible for publications in Inorganic and Organometallic Chemistry I should like to share with you some of the changes that have happened recently.

First of all, it is a time to say 'farewell', but also 'welcome'. In January we bade farewell to our Asian Editor, Professor Kohei Tamao, of Kyoto University, but at the same time were most happy to welcome his successor, Professor Kazuyuki Tatsumi, of Nagoya University, who now continues Professor Tamao's work for the Journal.

Professor Kohei Tamao has decided that he should change the balance of his activities in respect of his managerial and advisory tasks, and has reluctantly come to the conclusion that he has had to relinquish his work for the Journal. This blow is somewhat tempered by his agreement to remain a member of our Editorial Board, and thus to promote the interests of the Journal in as many ways as he can. Kohei became Asian Editor in July 1999. He has discharged his work with distinction and energy, with insight and discretion. Authors, and readers may remember his excellent special issue dedicated to the Chemistry of Interelement Linkage (volume 611/1–2 (2000)). We will all miss Kohei's contribution as Editor, but we wish him success and pleasure with his many activities, as well as personal happiness, in the future.

Kohei's departure is balanced by the good fortune that Professor Kazuyuki Tatsumi has agreed to join us as of 1 January 2002. Kazuyuki, who joined the Journal's Editorial Advisory Board in 1997, is a leading chemist in the field of transition metal chemistry. He obtained his B.Sc. and then his Ph.D. in theoretical inorganic chemistry in 1976 under supervision of Professor Takayuki Fueno, and under the guidance of Professor Sei Otsuka and Associate Professor Akira Nakamura. In 1977 he went to College Station, Texas, and began his academic career as a postdoc at Texas A&M University, where he studied lanthanide chemistry with the late Professor Minoru Tsutsui. In 1979 he came to Ithaca with his family and became a postdoc at Cornell University working with Professor Roald Hoffmann. In the theoretical group, he learned the beauty of chemistry, and witnessed the 1981 Nobel Prize going to Professor Hoffmann. In 1982 he joined the Professor

Akira Nakamura group in the Faculty of Science, Osaka University as Assistant Professor, and started chalcogenide chemistry of early transition metals while he continued the study on theoretical inorganic chemistry. An award from the Neste foundation allowed him to work as Visiting Professor at the University of Helsinki in 1985, and he was a visiting professor at EPFL, Switzerland, in 1987. He moved to the Faculty of Engineering Science, Osaka University, in 1991 as Associate Professor, and then to Nagoya University in 1994 as Professor of Chemistry. He was awarded the Inoue Prize for Science in 1998.

As his current research interests include the various aspects of inorganic and organometallic chemistry, Kazuyuki strengthens the Editorial competence in the areas of prime importance to the Journal. The rest of the Editorial team, as well as the Publisher, greet him most warmly, and hope that he will enjoy his association with the Journal as much as we will benefit from his knowledge and experience.

I have said that Kohei and Kazuyuki are our past and present Asian Editors, and similar to the American and European Editors responsible for a large, diverse, geographically dispersed, but highly active group of organometallic chemists. This may be an opportune moment to remind authors that they are encouraged to submit their contributions to their Regional Editor. The addresses for submission by conventional mail (see next paragraph) are thus.

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There is more to announce for the *Journal of Organometallic Chemistry* than changes to Editors and scope. Late 2001 we introduced Electronic Submission of manuscripts which already proves attractive to authors as a means of communicating their material to the Journal. Our goal is to reduce the overall publication times yet further, turning delays in the ‘snail mail’ into a memory of the past. The Editors also send papers for review electronically, after assuring themselves that potential referees will welcome papers sent in this form. All author-related services, including Electronic Submission, are combined at the Elsevier Science Author Gateway: the URL for the *Journal of Organometallic Chemistry* is

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