



## Preface

# Frontiers in Organometallic Chemistry – the Fifth *Journal of Organometallic Chemistry* Symposium

This Special Issue has its origins in the Fifth *Journal of Organometallic Chemistry* Symposium “Frontiers in Organometallic Chemistry” that was held at the 226th American Chemical Society National Meeting in New York City on 9 and 10 September 2003.

The first *Journal of Organometallic Chemistry* Symposium organised in Munich in 1993 was a great success and thus the concept of a regular collaboration at an international event every two years was born. Munich was followed by San Francisco in 1997, New Orleans in 1999, and Chicago in 2001. In common with the earlier symposia in this series Elsevier organised and sponsored this event inviting the Regional Editors of the Journal and other distinguished organometallic chemists to lecture. Professor Tom Bitterwolf's role in facilitating this significant event is acknowledged.

The symposium provides an excellent overview of modern organometallic chemistry and demonstrates once again that the subject now stretches out towards catalysis, materials science, biochemistry and organic synthesis. Indeed as we approach the 40th Anniversary of the journal it is very pleasing to observe that the subject has outgrown its original limited confines. The full papers and reviews contributed by the participants at the conference faithfully reproduce the flavour of the symposium and the enthusiasm the participants retain for this subject.

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