



## Publisher's note

This issue is a landmark for the Journal of Organometallic Chemistry as we say 'goodbye' to Professor D. Michael P. Mingos FRS. Presently Principal of St Edmund Hall and Professor of Inorganic Chemistry at the University of Oxford, Mike Mingos is renowned for his contributions to the development of the Wade/Mingos rules for electron counting in polynuclear metal cluster complexes and for developing the theories behind this. In recent years, he has made pioneering contributions to developing the method of microwave irradiation as a tool in organometallic synthesis and catalysis.

As Regional Editor of the Journal since 1996, Mike has been handling several thousands of submissions from the UK, Northern Europe and the former Commonwealth countries. In addition, he oversaw and organised numerous successful themed issues.

It goes without saying that we owe Mike a great debt of gratitude for his stewardship of the Journal over the past 10 years. The Journal has benefited much from

his broad background and expertise, and we shall sorely miss his sound advice, original ideas and linguistic qualities. Luckily he is not being lost to the Organometallic Chemistry Community as, for example, he, with Robert Crabtree is currently editing the third edition of *Comprehensive Organometallic Chemistry* (publication 2006). Mike will also remain a member of our Editorial Advisory Board.

We wish Mike well in all his future activities and thank him wholeheartedly for his hard work.

As we enter 2006, the Journal of Organometallic Chemistry continues to select high-quality contributions from authors all over the globe and publish them fast. In 2005, articles submitted online via <http://ees.elsevier.com/jorganchem/> were published online in on average 17 weeks from submission! You are all cordially invited.

With our best wishes for the New Year,  
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