

Perkin Transactions: towards the next millennium

We are delighted to announce a number of new initiatives, to be implemented from the beginning of 1996, designed to meet the challenges and changing needs of organic chemists world-wide, as we approach the next millennium.

To enhance the standing and impact of *Perkin Transactions 1* as a leading international journal of organic and bio-organic chemistry, we have appointed a Scientific Editor whose role will be to advise and assist in the acquisition and evaluation of the highest quality research papers. The Scientific Editor will be supported by a group of Associate Editors, who will be involved with policy, standards and procedures, and by an International Advisory Board. The Scientific Editor will liaise closely with the Managing Editor in Cambridge.

We are especially pleased that Professor Gerry Pattenden, FRS at Nottingham University has accepted the appointment of Scientific Editor of *Perkin Transactions 1*, and that he has already assumed his responsibilities in this new post.

Professor Pattenden is Sir Jesse Boot Professor of Organic Chemistry and Head of Department at the University of Nottingham in England. He was educated at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Faversham, studied at Brunel University as an undergraduate, and received his PhD from Queen Mary College, London University in 1966. In the same year he was appointed to a lectureship at University College, Cardiff and, after six years, moved to Nottingham as lecturer, later to become Reader in Organic Chemistry and then Professor of Chemistry (1980). He became Sir Jesse Boot Professor and Head of Chemistry at Nottingham in 1988.

Professor Pattenden's research, which has led to 350 research publications and over 30 reviews, has been concentrated largely in the areas of total synthesis of natural products and the discovery and design of new synthetic methods in organic chemistry. He has carried out total synthesis studies amongst a very wide variety of natural products and interwoven these studies with the development of many synthetic methods, including photocycloaddition-fragmentation strategy, electrophilic transannulation reactions, biomimicry, radical macrocyclisations, cobalt-mediated radical reactions, and other organometallic reactions. As a result of his work with novel organometallic reactions, he has recently initiated studies of



molecular recognition and metal transport phenomena amongst natural macroheterocycles, together with cyclic peptides and siderophores. Other recent interests include studies of the synthesis of naturally occurring sulfur heterocycles, the development of cascade radical reactions in polycycle constructions, and transition-metal catalysed C-C coupling reactions for the synthesis of unusual macrolides and macrolactams.

Professor Pattenden received the Royal Society of Chemistry's Corday-Morgan Medal in 1975, the Simonsen Medal in 1987 and the Tilden Lectureship in 1990. In 1992 he received the RSC Award in Synthetic Organic Chemistry, and more recently he was awarded the Pedler Lectureship and Medal (1994), and the Royal Society of Chemistry Award for Heterocyclic Chemistry (1995). He was elected Fellow of the Royal Society in 1991. Since 1992, Professor Pattenden has been Chairman of the Editorial Board of *Contemporary Organic Synthesis*, and is now President of Perkin Council.

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