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### Editorial

International carbohydrate symposia are very special scientific events that bring together investigators from all over the world for presentations and discussions of an ever widening range of carbohydrate topics. Ottawa, Canada, July 17-22, 1994, was the setting for the highly successful *XVIIIth International Carbohydrate Symposium*. Our Canadian hosts put together outstanding scientific and social programs in majestic and modern Ottawa. They even provided near perfect summer weather for the meeting of some nine hundred registrants and guests.

Although the niche of this journal is carbohydrate chemistry, every two years international carbohydrate symposia afford us the opportunity to publish a broader spectrum of carbohydrate papers in symposium issues. The symposium issue this year includes a range of research topics: elegant syntheses of biologically relevant saccharides, molecular modeling studies of disaccharides and polysaccharides, identification and physical chemical characterization of various polysaccharides, research on isolation of glycoproteins from plasma, cytotoxicity studies using sulfated polysaccharides, and effects of certain glycans on tomato ripening.

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