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Foreword

I miss Sukant Tripathy. I miss him both as a colleague and a friend. Sukant was an excellent scientist, a broad thinker, and a leader at the University of Massachusetts Lowell. I consider it a privilege to have known him for the couple of years that I was at the University prior to his passing. In addition to a keen intellect, he had a wonderful, charismatic personality that made you feel like you were his best friend in the world. While we can never replace what we have lost due to his untimely passing in 2001, it is with great pride that we are able to honor his legacy through the Sukant Tripathy Memorial Symposium that is held annually at the University of Massachusetts Lowell.

The manuscripts collected in this edition of the journal follow from presentations given at the annual symposium held on November 30, 2007. Contributed papers deal with topics that include enzymatic catalysis, polymer morphology, surface properties, semiconducting oligomers and

polymers, and modified fullerenes. These are all topics that were close to Sukant's heart, and it is a fitting tribute to his legacy that they are collected in one issue. His memory lives on through our scientific endeavors.

Our annual participation in the Tripathy Memorial Symposium and production of the special memorial edition are works of love in honor of Sukant. I would like to especially thank Michele Vercellin in the Center for Advanced Materials at UMass Lowell for all of her work in helping with both the annual symposium and the special edition of this journal. I also would like to acknowledge the dedication of Managing Editor, Lyn Roberts. Without their hard work, none of this would be possible.

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