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Foreword

This special issue is dedicated to the memory of our friend and colleague, Sukant Tripathy, Professor of Chemistry at the University of Massachusetts, Lowell. His life was cut short by a tragic swimming accident on December 12, 2000. He was a well-known scientist, professor, Provost and Vice-chancellor of this University. Above all, he was a very kind-hearted person and passionate about many things in life. He was a visionary scientist who worked on new frontiers. He was always there to help others and touched the hearts of many who knew him. Sukant's life and legacy profoundly influenced us all and left a lifelong imprint in our minds. We were fortunate to have been associated with such a remarkable person.

The articles of this special issue are the result of the 9th Sukant Tripathy Annual Memorial Symposium that was held to honor his memory and legacy in December 2008. This annual event is held on the campus of University of Massachusetts Lowell, normally on the Friday following Thanksgiving week.

We all cherish his memory and continue to miss him.

Ashok Cholli
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