

## EDITORIAL NOTE

The decision to publish this new Journal, and thus add to the already very large number of chemical journals, has been taken only after careful consideration. After receiving several suggestions that there was need for a journal devoted to the rapidly growing subject of organometallic chemistry, the Elsevier Publishing Company solicited the opinion of numerous leading scientists in the field, and the replies were overwhelmingly favourable.

Organometallic chemistry is a broad field, spanning the boundaries of organic and inorganic chemistry, but it represents a well-defined range of interest for a large number of chemists, and it was thought that there should be available a journal through which a worker in the field could bring important advances quickly and directly to the attention of all those engaged in similar work. It was clearly important that such a journal should have a genuinely international character, and the Publishers sought and received support for the enterprise from many countries, several chemists of international reputation from these countries willingly agreeing to join the Editorial Advisory Board.

The scope of the Journal is indicated in a general way by the content of Section 39 ("Organometallic and Organometalloid Compounds") of *Chemical Abstracts*. Information on the types of papers to be published and instructions on style will be found elsewhere under the heading "Instructions to Authors", but it should not be thought that rigid rules will be applied, and Regional Editors will be glad to receive suggestions and comments.

A few chemists consulted were against the foundation of another chemical journal of any kind. Even they, however, will agree that if a new journal is to be produced in response to the wishes of the majority of organometallic chemists, then it is fortunate that it will be handled by the Elsevier Publishing Company.