

## Editorial Note

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Shortly after the untimely death of Paolo Chini, a distinguished organometallic chemist and valued member of the Editorial Board of this Journal, some of his former colleagues suggested to us the publication of a special volume in recognition of his qualities and achievements. We welcomed this proposal, and immediately agreed to it, and we are most grateful to Dr. B.T. Heaton for arranging, with the help of Drs. G. Bor and G. Longoni, for contributions to the volume by former collaborators and other friends of Professor Chini. It will be seen that these contributions are in the field of metal cluster chemistry which was pioneered so effectively by Paolo Chini.

We are also grateful to Prof. F. Calderazzo for so readily accepting the invitation to write the introductory biographical memoir, and to Drs. U.K. Dietler and G. Bor for compiling the list of Professor Chini's publications.

In offering our sympathy to Paolo Chini's family in their tragic loss, we express the hope that they will find some consolation in their knowledge of the importance of his contribution to human knowledge and of the high regard in which he was held around the world.

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