

Note by the regional editors

Professor Harry J. Emeléus has been a valued member of the Editorial Board of this Journal since its inception, and we warmly welcomed the suggestion that a special issue should be produced as a tribute to him on his eightieth birthday. We were very well aware that Harry Emeléus was in the forefront of the revival of inorganic chemistry, and in particular was one of those who led the way across the notional boundary between inorganic and organic chemistry, even though much of his work did not, in fact, fall into the category of organometallic chemistry on today's arbitrary definition, since he was not primarily concerned with compounds in which metals or metalloids were linked through carbon to the organic groups.

The very high regard in which Harry Emeléus is held, and the great affection towards him felt by all those who have been associated with him, especially as his students, were reflected in the enthusiasm with which the proposal for a special issue was greeted, in the warmth of the replies to invitations to contribute, and in the very high proportion of promised papers which were actually delivered in time for inclusion. Because of the limitations on the size of a single issue of the Journal it was necessary to confine the invitations to those who had been closely associated with Professor Emeléus, as students, postdoctoral fellows, or colleagues, and a few other close friends of long standing. Many people who would have liked to join in this tribute to him had to be excluded, including unfortunately, a good number of his former associates whose work in inorganic chemistry did not fall within the defined scope of the Journal. They would wish to join us and the contributors to the issue in expressing warm congratulations to Professor Emeléus on his eightieth birthday, thanking him for his many very important contributions to chemistry, and wishing him many more years of health and happiness in which to enjoy the high esteem in which he is held.

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