

Preface

Professor Fischer has been a Regional Editor of this journal since it began 25 years ago, and his presence in that capacity has added great distinction to it throughout its life. He has brought to its affairs his scholarship, wisdom, and sound judgment, and also his devotion to the German language and his determination that it should remain a major language for scientific communication. We take pride in being associated with him as co-editors, and are very pleased to have the opportunity to join in congratulating him on his 70th birthday and to wish him many more fruitful and happy years.

This is the first time that a special issue of the journal has been brought out for someone to whom one has previously been dedicated. It would serve as a recognition of Professor Fischer's eminence in organometallic chemistry and his service to the journal if this were to remain a unique distinction.

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