

## Editorial

# Introduction to this Special Issue

The recent international symposia on Group 3 and f element chemistry—in Hawaii, USA (Pacifichem 2000, December, 2000) and Garching, Germany (Tage Der Seltenen Erden, October, 2001)—convince us of the timeliness of preparing a multi-author single volume for the Journal of Organometallic Chemistry dedicated to this topic. This issue of the Journal of Organometallic Chemistry presents an up-to-date overview of the many types of advances currently occurring in this area. As demonstrated by the titles and authors, the investigation of the organometallic chemistry of these elements is an international effort that involves a diverse set of research goals and approaches. Typically, these results are published individually in a variety of journals. The issue provides a survey of recent progress in a single location. To obtain the broadest coverage possible, both mini-reviews and regular research papers are in-

cluded. We are pleased that we received such a wide range of contributions and we thank all the authors for their efforts. The field continues to be an exciting one and the number of young investigators insures its continuing growth.

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