

# Organic Process Research & Development

Organic Process Research & Development **2008**, 12, 1

## Editorial

### **Chris Schmid Resigns as Associate Editor; Jaan Pesti (BMS) Is Appointed as New Associate Editor from 1 December 2007**

Many of you will have heard that Chris Schmid has been seriously ill for some time. Whilst he has soldiered on as Associate Editor during his illness, he has reluctantly decided that now is the time to resign from his post and for me to search for a new Associate Editor based in North America.

Chris has been an outstanding servant of *Organic Process Research & Development* (OPRD), acting not only as Associate Editor for the past years but also as a promoter of the art of process R&D, giving excellent lectures at conferences and symposia. It is not widely appreciated that Chris was one of the scientists responsible for the creation of OPRD, and it was partly through his foresight and persistence that the American Chemical Society agreed to fund the set-up of the journal. Since then he has helped me to build an important and very successful journal which is focussed on the special needs of the process chemistry community. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Chris for his enthusiasm, hard work and especially his guidance over the past 14 years. I hope and pray for a miracle that will rescue Chris as his health continues to decline.

On a happier note, it is my pleasure to welcome Jaan Pesti as OPRD's new Associate Editor. Jaan was picked from the five excellent candidates who volunteered their services, and it was a difficult choice for Chris and myself to make. Jaan was chosen for his wide experience in the industry (with DuPont and subsequently Bristol-Myers Squibb) and because, as an Editorial Advisory Board member and as a referee for papers, he has shown outstanding commitment to the journal and to process R&D in general. I welcome him on board and am confident that his presence will help drive OPRD to new heights.

**Note Added in Proof:** Chris Schmid passed away 26 December 2007. He will be missed by all who worked with him.

Trevor Laird  
*Editor*

OP7002908