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Editorial

Special Issue Dedicated to Chris Schmid, Former Associate Editor of Organic Process Research and Development, Who Died in 2007

This special issue is dedicated to Chris Schmid who served as Associate Editor of this journal from 2000–2007. He was also one of the scientists responsible for persuading the American Chemical Society to launch a new journal in the area of process chemistry. He served the process community admirably before his early death in 2007.

The Editorial Advisory Board of *Org. Process Res. Dev.* (OPRD) suggested the idea of a special issue at a meeting in early 2008, and I am pleased that so many scientists have responded to the call for papers to produce this special issue.

For this issue only, there are no Highlights from the Literature or Patent Highlights, and no papers separate from the special issue. The next issue will include Highlights from the Literature from the previous few months and a double ration of Patent Highlights.

My thanks go to Marvin Hansen for helping to coordinate the special issue and for writing the introductory biographical article about Chris and his work.

For me, Chris was a great guy to have on the OPRD team. I enjoyed working with him during the 14 years since I first met him. He will be missed, not only by his family but by all who came into contact with him.

Trevor Laird

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