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Editor's Page

The molecule on the cover of this issue is a hexaaryltetrasilabuta-1,3-diene, a novel, stable organosilicon compound with conjugated Si−Si double bonds. The aryl substituents of the actual compound that was isolated and whose structure was determined by X-ray crystallography (*Angew. Chem., Int. Ed.* **1997**, *36*, 2503) are 2,4,6-triisopropylphenyl groups, but these, if included, would make the cover figure much too cluttered.

The cover molecule is but one of many fascinating organosilicon, organogermanium, and organolead compounds that are found in the review in this issue by Manfred Weidenbruch of the University of Oldenburg. Professor Weidenbruch's outstanding research in the area of group 14 organometallic chemistry, only a part of which is summarized in this review, is characterized by exceptional originality, and I think that it will be of interest to all of our readers.

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