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Publisher's Note

On behalf of Elsevier, welcome to another exciting year for *Tetrahedron Letters*, and the Tetrahedron family of journals.

This year represents a significant milestone for *Tetrahedron Letters*, as we celebrate the journal's 50th Anniversary (1959–2009). Much has happened during this half century, and for the organic chemistry community, *Tetrahedron Letters* has documented many of the breakthrough discoveries in a timely and professional manner.

To celebrate this Golden Anniversary, an exceptional group of speakers have agreed to present at the 10th Tetrahedron Symposium, which will be held in Paris, 23–26 June 2009. The speaker group includes three chemistry Nobel Laureates, four Tetrahedron Prize winners, and both 2009 Tetrahedron Young Investigator Awardees. Full details are available at the conference web-site: www.tetrahedron-symposium.elsevier.com. We hope many scientists from around the world will participate at this meeting, which promises to be an exceptional event for the organic chemistry community.



Professor Waldmann Chairman of the Excecutive Board of Editors for Tetrahedron Publications

As we start the year, we would also like to announce the appointment of Professor Herbert Waldmann as the new Chairman of the Executive Board of Editors for Tetrahedron Publications. Professor Waldmann succeeds Professor Wong who stands down after the conclusion of his two year term as Chairman of the Executive Board. We wish to acknowledge and thank Professor Wong for his leadership and direction during this period.

Professor Waldmann studied chemistry and then completed his Ph.D. under Professor H. Kunz, at the University of Mainz, in 1985. He then worked as a postdoctoral fellow at Harvard University, and in 1991 qualified as a professor at the University of Mainz. Shortly thereafter he was appointed professor of organic chemistry at the University of Bonn and in 1993 moved to the University of Karlsruhe. Since 1999 he has headed the Department of Chemical Biology at the Max Planck Institute of Molecular Physiology and, concurrently, has also held the position of professor of biochemistry at the Technische Universität Dortmund. He has been awarded numerous academic distinctions for his work, including the Otto Bayer Prize and the Max Bergmann Medal. Professor Waldmann will continue to serve as the European Regional Editor for Bioorganic and Medicinal Chemistry, and we wish to extend our sincere congratulations to Professor Waldmann on his appointment as Chairman of the Executive Board.

On behalf of Elsevier and the journal Editors, I would like to thank our authors, reviewers and Board of Consulting Editors for their continued support during the past year. We look forward to another successful year for Tetrahedron Publications, and to the next half century for *Tetrahedron Letters*.

Wishing you all a Happy New Year.

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