

PREFACE

The second Symposium-in-Print (*Tetrahedron*, Vol. 37, No. 23 (1981)) presented a broad spectrum of new general synthetic methods. In the interim, the symposia have focused upon specific topics. With this symposium, 27 papers reveal a breadth of new synthetic methods and strategies which have been explored by an international group of chemists over the intervening five years. The reader will be exposed to new approaches to cycloaddition reactions, sigmatropic and prototropic rearrangements, heterocyclic synthesis, organometallic chemistry, stereoselection, asymmetric reactions, silicon chemistry, and synthetic strategies.

During the past five years I have consulted the 1981 Symposium-in-Print on New General Synthetic Methods as a reference source on many occasions, the volume serving the role of a monograph rather than a journal. With the breadth and quality of topics presented in this symposium, the current edition of New General Synthetic Methods promises to serve the reader in the same capacity.

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