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PREFACE

During the 14th Annual Meeting of the Adhesion Society in Clearwater, Florida, Henry Schreiber suggested to Jim Wightman and Jim Boerio that they serve as an ad hoc committee to prepare a special issue of **The Journal of Adhesion** to commemorate the sixty-fifth birthday of Lou Sharpe, the founding and continuing editor of the Journal. The committee members invited the Associate Editors and the members of the Advisory Board of the Journal to submit papers for the special issue. It is a tribute to Lou that over seventy percent of those invited to submit papers responded favorably. The interphase and mechanics are but two of the topics addressed in this collection of papers, which represents the rich diversity of current research in adhesion science. Sharpe's published work is cited in twelve of the eighteen papers. Happy 65th birthday, Lou, from the Associate Editors, members of the Advisory Board, and indeed, from the worldwide adhesion community.

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