

Cover Picture

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The cover picture shows the interior of a red-figure kylix (440–430 BC, British Museum London) which shows the brilliant exploits of Theseus, the Greek mythology hero. In the center, Theseus is shown defeating the infamous Minotaur within the labyrinth. On the right, the hero raises his hand against Sciron, below whom the turtle is visible. Next clockwise, are shown the bull of Marathon, the punishment of Sinis, the slaying of the sow Phaea, the battle of Cercyon, and finally the punishment of Procrustes. The labors of Theseus are no different from the accomplishments of today's synthetic chemists working in total synthesis. One such endeavor, the total synthesis of the CP molecules with its challenges, twists and turns, and dead-ends, but also its rewards, is compared to the conquest of the Minotaur by Theseus in the Review by K. C. Nicolaou and P. S. Baran on p. 2678 ff.

