

Preface

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This Issue of Applied Organometallic Chemistry contains papers based on work presented at the fourth ICEBAMO meeting held in Denmark last year. Previous meetings were organized by Giuseppe Tagliavini in Padova, Italy (in 1986 and 1991) and by Olivier Donard in Bordeaux, France (in 1994). I think that all who took part felt that these were very enjoyable and productive meetings. When Kevin Francesconi of the Institute of Biology at Odense agreed to organize the fourth in the series, he must have realized that there was something to be lived up to in the task he had taken on! However, all went well, and the Odense meeting was entirely in the pleasant traditions of the previous ones, and as Editor I feel privileged to have had so many manuscripts from Odense for review and publication.

In editing this present issue, I want to thank the many delegates who sent papers and the more than fifty reviewers who looked at the manuscripts. If the issue is a bit slower to reach publication than we would have liked, I ask for the forbearance of our authors and hope that the outcome of this complex process is felt to be as useful and tangible a product as that from the Bordeaux meeting (*Applied Organometallic Chemistry* **10**, 9 1995).

Once again, I thank Kevin Francesconi for the organization of an excellent meeting, and so many of the delegates and authors for submitting their work to this Journal.

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