

## **Preface: XVth FECHEM Conference on Organometallic Chemistry, 10–15 August 2003, Zürich, Switzerland**

FECHEM Conferences on Organometallic Chemistry are held biennially by the Division of Organometallic Chemistry of the Federation of European Chemical Societies.

The XVth conference, held in 2003 in Zürich, Switzerland, was organized by Heinz Berke at the Institute of Inorganic Chemistry of the University of Zürich with Franz Wild as the conference secretary. During this lively scientific event, many aspects of organometallic chemistry, from fundamentals to applications, including biomedical aspects, were covered.

Following a tradition established in 1999 with the XIIIth meeting held at Lisbon, the editors of *Applied Organometallic Chemistry* have invited the authors to publish their contributions in a special issue of this journal. From the large amount of outstanding papers presented at the conference, a number of significant papers were selected in order to highlight the progress that has been achieved in the various branches of organometallic chemistry research in recent years. While this special issue is printed, we look forward to the forthcoming XVIth FECHEM Conference on Organometallic Chemistry to be held in 2005 in Budapest, Hungary.

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