

Preface

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This special issue of *Applied Organometallic Chemistry* is designed to highlight the activities presented at the Ninth Symposium on Arsenic in Japan.

The Ninth Symposium of the Japanese Arsenic Scientists' Society (JASS-9) was held on 20–21 November 1999 at Hiroshima Women's University in Hiroshima City, Japan. At the Symposium, 46 papers were presented, including two special lectures on clinical aspects of acute arsenic poisoning, one given by Professor Naohide Inoue of Kyushu University, and the other, on arsenic metabolism in acute arsenic poisoning in patients including toxicological considerations, given by Professor Hiroshi Yamauchi, St Marianna University School of Medicine.

In these symposia, a variety of researchers in fields such as medicine, pharmacology, chemistry, biology, engineering, environmental science, mar-

ine science and agriculture have communicated their advances in arsenic research. The increasing interest in arsenic is indicated by the fact that more than 210 researchers attended this Ninth Symposium.

This special issue is designed to highlight the recent research activities presented at the Ninth Symposium. We wish to express special thanks to Professor P.J. Craig, the General Editor of the journal *Applied Organometallic Chemistry*, who, with the cooperation of Professor Shigeru Maeda of Kagoshima University, the President of JASS), assisted in the production of this issue.

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