

Foreword

It is with great pleasure that we dedicate this issue of the *Applied Organometallic Chemistry* to our very good friend, the late Professor Colin Eaborn of the University of Sussex, in memory of his contribution not only to the chemistry of germanium, tin and lead, but also the main group organometallic chemistry in general. Originally, this issue was planned as proceedings of the XIth International Conference on the Coordination and Organometallic Chemistry of Germanium, Tin and Lead (ICCOC-GTL-XI) held at Radisson Hotel, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 27 June–2 July 2004. However, since much of the chemistry presented at the conference was closely related to silicon and other main group elements it is appropriate that this special issue be dedicated to the organometallic chemistry of the Group 14 elements, if not all of the main group elements. Who better than Colin Eaborn to deserve this honor, since his entire career was dedicated to this area of chemistry? His studies brought a new meaning to the 'Main Group Metal Chemistry'.

Colin, although you will never know about this special issue, you have had a remarkably fruitful career and have rightfully earned the respect and admiration of your colleagues in science throughout the world. We salute you and dedicate this special issue to you in recognition of your outstanding contributions to main group organometallic and inorganic chemistry.

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