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## Preface

# Tetrahedron Prize for Creativity in Organic Chemistry

The Executive Board of Editors for Tetrahedron publications and Elsevier Science Ltd have already announced that the Tetrahedron Prize in 2000 has been awarded to Professor Peter Dervan (California Institute of Technology). Professor Dervan has been recognized for his fundamental contributions to the general area of nucleic acid recognition and its related bioorganic chemistry.

In recognition of his accomplishments, the Journal, *Bioorganic & Medicinal Chemistry*, publishes this special issue entitled "Interface of Chemistry and Biology at the Millennium". In this issue, we start with Professor Dervan's own story of the development of his pioneering research that greatly influenced the development of bioorganic chemistry and chemical biology as well as drug discovery. Next is a short biographical sketch of Professor Dervan, and finally the important contributions of other authors. Articles appearing in this issue

were invited from distinguished scientists who have personal connection with the Prizewinner, or with his field of study. The subjects covered include the study and control of molecular recognition associated with nucleic acids and other complex bioactive molecules; design, engineering and manipulation of biomolecules; drug discovery and other related areas.

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