

## FOREWORD

It was with great sadness that the Editors learned of the death of Professor William Zev Hassid, a valued member of our Editorial Advisory Board since its inception. The present issue had been in preparation to commemorate the seventy-fifth anniversary of Professor Hassid's birth and at the same time to mark the beginnings of a major broadening of the scope of interests of *Carbohydrate Research*. Professor Hassid was one of the leading contributors to the development of the biochemistry of complex carbohydrate structures and his counsel will be sorely missed. We feel it particularly fitting that this issue now becomes a memorial to his distinguished career.

Recent developments in our knowledge of the chemical structure of the components of the cell walls of micro-organisms as well as of the components at the surface of the animal cell have shown the numerous implications of complex carbohydrate structures. In order to study the relationship between these structures and the infectivity of micro-organisms and resistance of the hosts, or the importance of these structures for such biological effects as tissue specificity, antigenicity, cell recognition, cell aggregation, and other phenomena in which the surface of the animal cell is involved, new methods have to be developed. For this reason, *Carbohydrate Research* will welcome papers in the fields of biochemistry, immunochemistry, and biology in which carbohydrate components are known to be involved. The publishers and Editors of *Carbohydrate Research* welcome comments and suggestions offered by authors and readers.