

Letter from M. Albert Vannice

Dear Colleagues,

My salutation was going to be to “Friends and Colleagues”, but because you’re all my friends, it seemed redundant! I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for taking time from your busy schedules to contribute to this issue. I anticipate your papers will be valuable contributions to the catalysis literature. A special “Thank you” goes to Rob Rioux, Todd Toops and Nick Delgass for organizing this Festschrift issue of Catalysis Today—their interest and effort are gratefully acknowledged.

I have had an immensely enjoyable 40 years of involvement in catalysis, which began at Stanford as a graduate student in Michel Boudart’s group. During these years, I have made many friends in

the field of catalysis, I’ve worked with many different scientists, and I’ve been able to participate in very exciting research programs, both in industry at Sunoco and Exxon and at Penn State with many excellent graduate students and postdoctoral fellows. These have been exciting times and I’ve enjoyed every moment (well, almost every moment!) of it, and I wouldn’t trade my experiences for anything. Of course, the consideration and patience of my wife, Bette Ann, helped make this possible.

I wish all of you continued success and enjoyment in the area of catalysis. May it continue forever!

Sincerely,
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