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## Preface

## Foreword

This special issue of *Catalysis Today* is dedicated to the memory of David Lawrence Trimm who passed away on 17th October 2010.

David Trimm contributed to the progress of catalysis through his professional work for almost five decades, first in Imperial College, then in Trondheim and finally, following his move to Australia, in Sydney, his home for more than 30 years. In parallel to his scientific work as professor at the University of New South Wales and to his work for CSIRO, David was heavily engaged in the international community of catalysis. He spent sabbaticals in Germany (Karlsruhe) and in Turkey. He was consultant to KISR in Kuwait. He served as regional editor for *Applied Catalysis* and was on the advisory board for several journals in the field. David Trimm was also one of the founders of the Natural Gas Conversion Symposia (NGCS), was behind the APCAT conferences, and was instrumental in creating the APCAS organization (Asia Pacific Association of Catalysis). With his professional standing and his open and charming personality, he was able to create a strong worldwide network of colleagues and friends and this ability is reflected by the contributions collected in this volume.

The volume is in two parts, one dealing with David Trimm's career, with an overview of his professional work written by his long time collaborator and friend Noel Cant, together with a number of personal contributions, followed by a scientific part containing refereed papers, these including two manuscripts with David Trimm as coauthor. Many more scientists could have contributed: some were excused for various reasons and others should have been invited.

We thank all the authors who have contributed to this issue and all the referees who, by responding so quickly, have enabled us to produce this issue so rapidly. In particular, we would like to thank Mark Wainwright and Noel Cant for providing us with valuable help and advice in planning this volume.

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