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ALAN ROY KATRITZKY

ON THE OCCASION OF HIS EIGHTIETH JUBILEE

Professor Alan Roy Katritzky, the world-famous scientist, will celebrate his eightieth jubilee on August 18, 2009. Virtually every heterocyclic chemist, to this or that extent, is his student, including not only those who studied under Prof. Katritzky in Great Britain and the United States but also the many hundreds of scientists throughout the world who had the fortune to work under his direction at the Center for Heterocyclic Compounds at the University of Florida in the United States. Each heterocyclist has studied his monographs and derived new ideas from them. *Advances in Heterocyclic Chemistry*, *Comprehensive Heterocyclic Chemistry*, *Best Synthetic Methods*, *Topics in Applied Chemistry*, and *Organic Functional Group Transformations*, regularly published by him during already several tens of years, became an invaluable help in scientific work. His brilliant lectures have been the highlights of many international conferences.

The owner of multitude honorary titles and awards, Prof. Katritzky has founded a prize for young chemists, the prize being awarded every two years by the International Union of Heterocyclic Chemistry. In 1999 Alan and Linda Katritzky have established ARKAT-USA - a charitable fund for the support of science and education in developing countries.

Prof. Katritzky has been devoting considerable attention and efforts to scientific periodicals. The electronic journal ARKIVOC was established through his initiative. We are proud that he is a member of the Board of Editors of our Journal.

We wish Prof. Katritzky the same unflagging energy in realization of his plans, new creative success, a sound health, and much longer happy and joyful years in his life.