



## Preface

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The vitality of cluster chemistry is evident from the substantial diversity of content in the articles contained within this special issue. While the earliest and best known group of clusters were probably the boranes, it is now clear that cluster species can be created from a wide variety of elements across the Periodic Table.

Our understanding of the theory of cluster electronic structure and chemical behaviour, their molecular dynamics, growth and kinetic behaviour and structural diversity has grown considerably in recent years. Further, their application to catalysis promises important contributions to industrial processes and to our understanding of how metal surfaces catalyse chemical processes.

It is to be hoped that this special issue will contribute to the further expansion and growth of this vibrant area of chemistry.

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