

Editorial

Preface to the special issue of Coordination
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Late in the summer of 1998, the 33rd International Conference on Coordination Chemistry was held in Florence, Italy. A total of 1644 registered participants, 289 accompanying members and a few speakers participated in the event. At the banquet there were more than 1500 people. It was fun. The Conference was dedicated to the late Luigi Sacconi who left us in 1992. This was the second ICC held in Italy, as the 4th was held in Rome in 1957.

In addition to the plenary lectures, the invited lectures and the posters, there was a daily conference dealing with 'The Way We Were'. Press Conferences and encounters with the citizenship contributed to the whole celebration. The subtitle 'The Metal Ions in Everyday Life' gave visibility to the event.

Many of the invited speakers agreed to write for Coordination Chemistry Review. The invitation was the result of an agreement among Guido Zosimo and Fred Fenter for Elsevier, Barry Lever for Coordination Chemistry Review and ourselves on behalf of the organizers. This was intended to testify to the success of the Florence meeting and to celebrate the chemistry of metal ions in every day life.

The output is a collection of more than one hundred excellent articles useful to those who were in Florence and obviously could not attend all the lectures, as well as to the entire inorganic chemistry community.

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