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## From the Editors

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Professor Francois Mathey, Laboratoire de Chimie du Phosphore et des Metaux de Transition, Ecole Polytechnique, 91128 Palaiseau Cedex, France, has been elected to the position of president-elect of ICMGC, Inc. He will succeed Professor Alan Cowley, Robert A. Welch Chair in Chemistry, University of Texas/Austin, USA, as President of ICMGC, Inc., in June of 1998. This information has been provided by Professor Michael J. Gallagher, The University of New South Wales, Australia, Chair of the Committee on Nominations and Elections, ICMGC, Inc.

Professor Mathey received the Ph.D. degree in chemistry from the University of Paris VI in 1971. He held the position of Group Leader at IRCHA (industrial research) during the period 1964–1980. He was scientific advisor at SNPE, 1981–1988, and joined the faculty of Ecole Polytechnique in 1987. He presently holds the position of professor and research director, CNRS.

With regard to honors and awards, he received the silver medal (CNRS 1979); Paul Langevin (1985) and Mergier-Bourdeix (1989) Awards of the French Academy of Sciences; Alexander von Humboldt Forschungspreis (1988); Raymond Berr-Atochem (SFC 1988). He is an associate member of the French Academy of Sciences and a foreign member of the Leopoldina Academy. He was also editor-in chief of BULL. SOC. CHIM. FR. (1991–1997) and presently is a regional editor of J. ORGANOMET. CHEM.

He has carried out noteworthy research in phosphole, phosphinine, phosphirane, phosphirene, and phosphametalocene chemistry. Other areas of research have included the chemistry of terminal phosphinidene complexes, Phospha-Wittig syntheses, and the use of BIPNOR in asymmetric catalysis. He is the author of 390 journal publications, 24 patents, and two books. The books are *Molecular Chemistry of the Transition Elements* (with A. Sevin), Wiley (1996), and *Phosphorus: The Carbon Copy* (with J. F. Nixon and K. Dillon), Wiley, in press.

It is unfortunate that the foregoing happy news must be followed by tragic news. On February 3, 1998, the whole Ukrainian chemical community and many additional chemists throughout the world were shaken by the untimely death of Professor Leonid Markovsky, Academician of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine and director of the Institute of Organic Chemistry of the NASU. He was also a highly valued member of the editorial board of HETEROATOM CHEMISTRY and of the board of directors of ICMGC, Inc.

Leonid Markovsky was born on July 21, 1939, in Primorsky kral (City of Grodekovo). His professional career had its start in 1961 at the Lviv Politechnical Institute. After graduation, he worked in the problematic laboratory of the same Institute. In 1968, he undertook postgraduate studies in the Institute of Organic Chemistry of the National Academy of Sciences of the Ukraine. He defended his Candidate thesis in 1967, and he became a doctor of chemical sciences in 1974. At the age of 34, he was appointed to the position of deputy director of scientific work of the Institute of Organic Chemistry. In 1978, he became a corresponding member of the Academy of Sciences and, in 1988, he became a full member (academician) of the Academy. From 1983 until his death, he was the director of the Institute of Organic Chemistry of the National Academy of Sciences of the Ukraine.

The results of his scientific investigations throughout his career are reflected in more than 400 articles on the chemistry of organic compounds of sulfur, fluorine, and phosphorus. He also undertook studies of free radicals and supramolecular chemistry. A high appreciation of his many contributions to the development of chemical science in the Ukraine was expressed by his receipt of the State Prize of Ukraine in Science and Technique in 1991.

Professor Markovsky devoted much time and energy to the education of students (5 doctors and 24 candidates theses having been carried out under his direction), and to public and scientific service. For

example, he was a member of the editorial boards of several chemistry journals, a consultant to many international scientific foundations, a member of the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry, a member of the Pharmacological Committee of the Ministry of Health Protection of the Ukraine, and a member of the Technological Commission of the State Committee on the Medicinal and Biological Industry of the Ukraine. He also contributed heavily to the development of scientific collaboration with universities, institutes, and other scientific centers of foreign countries.

His brilliant scientific contributions, together with his warm human personality, will be remembered with gratitude by all of us who knew him well. May he rest in peace.

Two new members have been elected to the board of directors of ICMGC, Inc. Professor Robert Engel (Queens College, City University of New York) and Professor Ralph Zingaro (Texas A&M University) are the new directors, and they were chosen in part because of their outstanding performances as Chairs of the Publicity and Publications Committee and the Meetings Committee, respectively. Their initial terms of office are for three years, beginning January 1, 1998. We also congratulate Professor Engel for his recent promotion to the office of Dean of the Graduate School at Queens College.

Many well-known main-group chemists have recently accepted invitations to join ICMGC, Inc. We are happy to welcome the following new colleagues into the organization:

Professor Richard L. Wells, Duke University, USA

Professor Thomas P. Onak, California State University, Los Angeles, USA

Professor Alfons L. Baumstark, Georgia State University, USA

Professor Eli Breuer, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel

Professor Hiroshi Yamataka, Osaka University, Japan

Professor Kenneth K. Laali, Kent State University, USA

Professor Harry R. Allcock, Pennsylvania State University, USA

Professor Gary H. Posner, Johns Hopkins University, USA

Professor David A. Atwood, North Dakota State University, USA

Professor Dr. Konrad Seppelt, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany

Professor Kenneth D. Berlin, Oklahoma State University, USA

Professor Michael Lattman, Southern Methodist University, USA

Dr. A. Chandrasekaran, University of Massachusetts Amherst, USA

Professor Arnold L. Rheingold, University of Delaware, USA

Professor R. Murugavel, Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay, India

Dr. Gerard Lanneau, Université Montpellier II, France

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