

Preface

On the occasion of the new century, a group of co-workers and friends of Professor Pietro Pratesi have taken the initiative to dedicate to him the present issue of *Il Farmaco*, in order to acknowledge his fundamental contribution to the initial growth and development of medicinal chemistry in Italy.

Besides the relevant scientific progress he made possible through his research work, Professor Pratesi, together with his colleagues Ciferri, De Caro and Soldi, also founded this journal in 1946; this instrument has

been a fruitful help to Italian medicinal chemists, and is still so, although the journal has taken on a more international character.

The Editors and the authors of the scientific presentations join the Italian community of medicinal chemistry and all the Italian and foreign friends and colleagues in expressing their thanks and their best wishes to Professor Pietro Pratesi.

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