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## A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS

This is indeed an historic time for *Phosphorus and Sulfur and the Related Elements*. With this first issue of the New Year, we wish to take the opportunity to describe changes and new directions taking place within our journal.

### EDITORIAL CHANGES

Most significantly, our esteemed Editor-in-Chief, Martin Grayson, has relinquished his position after a long and outstanding tenure. As most of you know from Martin's farewell message in the July issue, he has stepped down to devote full time to his new post as President of VCH Publishers, Inc. Martin will be carrying out his new responsibilities from his Manhattan office at 220 East 23rd Street, New York, NY 10010.

Robert R. Holmes has been installed to replace Martin as the journal's new Editor. Leopold Horner has graciously consented to remain as the European Editor. In this capacity, we hope to be able to keep up the fine traditions and high standards that Martin has evolved, along with Leopold, during the sixteen years since the journal's inception.

Leopold enjoyed an especially amiable relationship with Martin, which resulted in a great mutual respect. This relationship fostered the necessary cooperation which brought the journal to its present high acclaim, and we are confident a similar working relation will develop between ourselves. Robert's wife Joan, like Leopold's wife, Gerda, will assist in keeping manuscripts and correspondence flowing rapidly.

We are all sorry to see Martin depart as Editor. He will be sorely missed, particularly since he got to know many of the contributors to the journal on a personal basis and had developed ties with groups at national American Chemical Society meetings and at international meetings that proved crucial in the development of the journal.

As a token of our appreciation for the accomplishments Martin has made for the journal and for his dedicated service, we wish to honor him by maintaining his presence on our editorial board as Editor Emeritus. This will make us feel more comfortable and, in this capacity, he will be able to provide us with guidance for the future.

Regarding other significant changes, we are fortunate indeed to attract John Verkade as an Associate Editor. He has replaced Robert in his former capacity in this position. We are all aware of John's high visibility within the American Chemical Society and his long-standing excellence in research in the chemistry of phosphorus and the related elements.

### REVIEW ARTICLES AND COMMUNICATIONS

As a recent innovation, we are now able to offer a honorarium of six dollars a journal page for review articles accepted for publication. The solicitation and editing of these reviews are in the hands of the journal's four Associate Editors, one covering sulfur and one covering phosphorus for both the United States and Europe.

Associate Editors are also responsible for receiving and editing communications. Submissions are encouraged, and instructions for authors are included at the back of each issue.

## CHANGES TO THE PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

A number of readers have commented on the recent variability in the size of the journal issues. A word of explanation is in order.

*Phosphorus and Sulfur* publishes one double issue each month, for a total of six complete volumes per calendar year. In the interests of rapid publication, we do not limit each double issue to a particular number of pages. We instead allow the size to vary according to the amount of material on hand and ready to be published.

Despite this variability, we do aim to publish a certain number of pages within a calendar year, and we bill our subscribers accordingly. As it turns out, some of the issues published at the beginning of 1987 were quite large, while some of those appearing at the end were somewhat smaller. Overall, however, we published some 2,000 pages for 1987—well over our goal for the year.

Issues thus vary in size from month to month, but will over the course of a year fill at least six complete volumes. This fluctuation in size may seem a bit awkward. The alternative, however, would have us holding papers in a queue to await a fixed amount of space each month. Our primary concern is to bring papers to press as quickly as possible. We feel this more flexible approach best serves the interests of our contributors and readers.

## IN CONCLUSION

We are pleased to be starting a New Year with the journal. We join together in soliciting your help, cooperation, and comments during this transition period and, in the future, to broaden the journal's coverage and to enhance its usefulness.

In concluding, we know that we speak for the Associate Editors and the entire Editorial Board in wishing Martin continued success in his new position. With his fine personal qualities that we have all come to know and admire and his ease of handling difficult matters effortlessly, we know VCH is gaining a great leader.

Robert R. Holmes  
Editor-in-Chief

Leopold Hornor  
European Editor