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■ A Message from the Editor-in-Chief

It is with deepest regret that I announce my resignation as Editor-in-Chief of *Phosphorus, Sulfur, and Silicon and the Related Elements*, effective December 31, 2007. Professor Martin Rudd, currently a member of the editorial board and a member of the faculty at the University of Wisconsin-Fox Valley, will assume my place. I have complete faith in his abilities to assume the editorship, and know he will continue to strive to maintain and increase the stature of the journal. Professor Konstantin Karaghiosoff at the University of Munich will continue as the European Editor.

I first assumed the role of Editor-in-Chief on July 1, 1987, after a brief period with the journal as an Associate Editor. In my position, I was the second editor of the journal and have had the longest tenure, twenty years. Dr. Martin Grayson was instrumental in launching the journal on July 1, 1971, and was the first Editor-in-Chief from that time until July 1, 1987, a period of sixteen years. Over time, however, the name of the journal changed. It started as "Phosphorus and the Heavier Group V Elements." In 1976, a merger took place between "Phosphorus and the Related Group V Elements" and the "International Journal of Sulfur Chemistry." As a result, the new journal was then called "Phosphorus and Sulfur and the Related Elements." To further extend the role of main group chemistry into one journal, the present name was adopted in January 1989, "Phosphorus, Sulfur and Silicon and the Related Elements." During the first year of the journal, the number of pages published was 303. Presently, a yearly volume approaches 3,000 pages, indicative of the growth of interest in this field of chemistry.

There have been two scientific publishers of the journal. Gordon & Breach was the publisher from the journal's beginning until Taylor & Francis assumed the role in 2002.

Please join with me in giving your support to the new Editor-in-Chief and his colleagues on the editorial board.

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