

## FOREWORD

THE papers collected in this Symposium Issue are devoted to new reactions and new classes of organic compounds. This general area of chemistry, while certainly not neglected in the past, has received added impetus in recent years. As will be seen in the accompanying papers, this progress has been aided by an increased understanding of reaction mechanisms and the appearance of new chemical tools. However, the unglamorous test-tube and unbridled imagination remain the organic chemist's mainstay.

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