

Preface

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The 17th International Symposium on Organometallic Chemistry Directed Towards Organic Synthesis (OMCOS-17) was held in Fort Collins, CO, USA on the outskirts of the campus of Colorado State University from 28 July to 1 August 2013. This event marked the return of OMCOS to Fort Collins following the launch of this conference series in Fort Collins in 1981 with OMCOS-1. The original OMCOS meeting was organized by Louis S. Hegedus and the late John K. Stille, and we were fortunate in the opening reception to hear remarks from Lou reminiscing about the original event. These opening remarks were of course very candid and entertaining, which comes as no surprise to those who know Lou. Following the original meeting, OMCOS has been held every other year, with meetings in Dijon (1983), Kyoto (1985), Vancouver (1987), Florence (1989), Utrecht (1991), Kobe (1993), Santa Barbara (1985), Göttingen (1997), Versailles (1999), Taipei (2001), Toronto (2003), Geneva (2005), Nara (2007), Glasgow (2009), and Shanghai (2011).

The symposium attracted 550 attendees from 40 countries across the globe. There were two award lectures presented: the OMCOS Award to Zhang-Jie Shi and the EROS Award to Huw Davies. Additionally, there were seven plenary lectures, 12 invited lectures, 12 short talks, and 347 posters. Twenty poster awards were presented, which was far too few given the superb quality of the work presented. There were fantastic excursions planned during the week, and the world-class Fort Collins microbreweries reported a marked uptake in local consumption during the event.

This issue of *Pure and Applied Chemistry* comprises a collection of 17 papers based on the lectures presented at OMCOS-17, thereby offering the readers a glimpse of the fascinating achievements communicated at the symposium.

We look forward to the exciting science and spectacular setting of OMCOS-18, which will be held in 2015 in Sitges, Spain, located on the Mediterranean coast south of Barcelona. The meeting will be hosted by the Institute of Chemical Research of Catalonia (ICIQ) under the leadership of Antonio Echavarren, Rubén Martín, and Kilian Muñoz. For details, please see: <http://www.omcos2015.com>.

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