

## EDITORIAL

This issue of *Croatica Chemica Acta* is a Festschrift dedicated to Professor Egon Matijević on the occasion of his 75<sup>th</sup> birthday. Egon Matijević was an important member of the Croatian chemical community until he left the homeland for the USA in 1956. While his *curriculum vitae* will be described in detail elsewhere, here we wish to point out his contributions to the Croatian Chemical Society and to this journal. Egon Matijević became the member of the Society in 1945 and was its treasurer from 1950 till his departure from the country. The same year he joined the Editorial Board of *Croatica Chemica Acta* when our journal was still called *Arhiv za kemiju* (Archive for Chemistry) and the editor was Stanko Miholić (1891–1969). In 1952 Professor Božo Težak (1907–1980) took over the editorship of *Arhiv za kemiju* and the next year he appointed Egon Matijević and Velimir Vouk (1919–1984) as assistant editors. The year Egon left for the USA, the journal was renamed *Croatica Chemica Acta*. Thus he helped Professor Težak to bring about this change and even participated in the design of the title page, which has remained the same till today! These activities and other innovations have elevated our publication to the present state of a recognized international chemistry journal. Therefore, it is fitting for the Croatian Chemical Society and our journal to join the celebration of Professor Matijević's 75th birthday. The Editorial Board of *Croatica Chemica Acta* is grateful to all authors who contributed scientific papers and personal notes to this special issue, and to referees for their helpful and thorough work.

Happy birthday Professor Matijević! Happy birthday dear Egon!

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