

EDITORIAL

It is a great pleasure to introduce this Festschrift celebrating the 70th birthday of Zvonimir Maksić and 45 years of his presence in science. With this tribute we honour his scientific accomplishments, teaching for very many years being an outstanding educator and mentor, and his service to the Croatian Chemical Society and chemical community in general, in the best sense of the words. His long term membership in the Editorial Board of *Croatica Chemica Acta* should be pointed out in particular. It is an interesting coincidence that he edited two important subject issues of the *Croatica Chemica Acta* 1984, numbers 5 and 6 on the Conceptual Quantum Chemistry – Models and Applications 25 years ago, which were close to the leading edge of the interpretational side of quantum chemistry at that time.

Professor Maksić has made many contributions to the fields of conceptual and computational chemistry providing strong ties between the two, especially in the field of quantum organic chemistry. A close contact to the experimental research should be stressed too. High productivity is a token of a broad range of his interests in science, enthusiasm, passion, vigour and dedication, which he brought to his everyday's research in his remarkable scientific career. It is also a result of

intensive collaboration with many scientists in the country and abroad. This Festschrift is one of his indirect contributions to scientific community too through a large number of excellent and scholarly prepared papers provided by friends and colleagues, who are the high profile scientists and leading experts in various fields and topics. We take pride of being a part of this endeavour and would like to express our thanks and gratitude to all authors for their efforts and – last but not least – for their patience. They made this Special Issue a great success. Our thanks also go to the Editor-in-Chief Professor Nikola Kallay and to the Editorial Board of *Croatica Chemica Acta* for agreeing to go along with this venture.

We join numerous Zvonko's friends and colleagues in wishing him many more years of scientific productivity, intellectual joy and happiness in private life.

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