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Editor's Remark—ON THE PUBLICATION OF THE FIRST ISSUE OF THE 100TH VOLUME OF HETEROCYCLES

With the tremendous help of our readers, authors, reviewers, and advisory board members, HETEROCYCLES has reached its 100th volume in 2020.

We, the editorial members, express our deepest gratitude to those who have supported our journal to this day.

HETEROCYCLES was launched in 1973 by Prof. Tetsuji Kametani with his strong will to devote himself to the activation of heterocyclic chemistry. Since then the journal, with its peculiar black cover designed by his architect son Koichi, has been successfully issued under his leadership and challenging mind in cooperation with the competent editor in chief, Prof. Keiichiro Fukumoto.

While the publication was progressing without any problems, it unexpectedly and unfortunately passing its founder Prof. Kametani in 1988.

However, the journal continued to be issued with the efforts of the staff members and successfully achieved publication of its 50th volume in 1999.

It seems that in no time at all, our journal has reached its 100th volume in 2020 along with the significant development of the heterocyclic chemistry during this period. Unfortunately, we again encountered a sad event in 2013 with the passing of the irreplaceable Prof. Fukumoto, who led HETEROCYCLES since its first issue and had raised it to its present position as the editor in chief. Fortunately again, by just following to the way established by our predecessors, we were able to continue the publication and reached to the first issue of the commemorative 100th volume in 2020.

HETEROCYCLES continues to be published preserving the same style as before, but we should also flexibly keep pace with the current development of heterocyclic chemistry. For this reason, in 2014, "New Heterocyclic Natural Products" section was discontinued and replaced with the new section "Brush Up Your Heterocycle"s instead. This newly added section is consists of a series of random collections of newly published reactions relating to heterocyclic compounds, which are presented as a one-step exercise style intending to stimulate readers' creativity during the answering process.

We, the editorial members, will continue to publish HETEROCYCLES responding flexibly to the situation of the development of heterocyclic chemistry as our founder Prof. Tetsuji Kametani longed for.

On this occasion, we deeply appreciate to the authors who submitted their valuable articles for this particular issue, the first issue of the 100th volume.

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The Editor of HETEROCYCLES