Preface by the Editor-in Chief

This special issue of the Turkish Journal of Chemistry is dedicated to the memory of Prof Dr Ayhan Sıtkı Demir, who passed away, too early and unexpectedly, on 24 June 2012. He worked at our journal as co-editor between 28 February 2002 and 13 January 2009 and as the Editor-in-Chief from 13 January 2009 up until his death. During his time as editor of the Turkish Journal of Chemistry, the journal continued to grow and develop due to his tireless efforts. We will never forget his contributions to this journal, to chemistry, and to education.

I am deeply grateful to the TÜBİTAK administrators and the colleagues and friends of Prof Demir who suggested publication of this special issue in recognition of his contribution to this journal over the years.

Articles in this issue were edited by Prof Siméon Arseniyadis, who is an editorial board member of this journal. He also wrote an obituary for this issue. I want to especially thank him for his support.

I also thank all of the authors for contributing the articles for this issue.

With sincere regards, Prof Dr Arif Daștan Editor-in-Chief