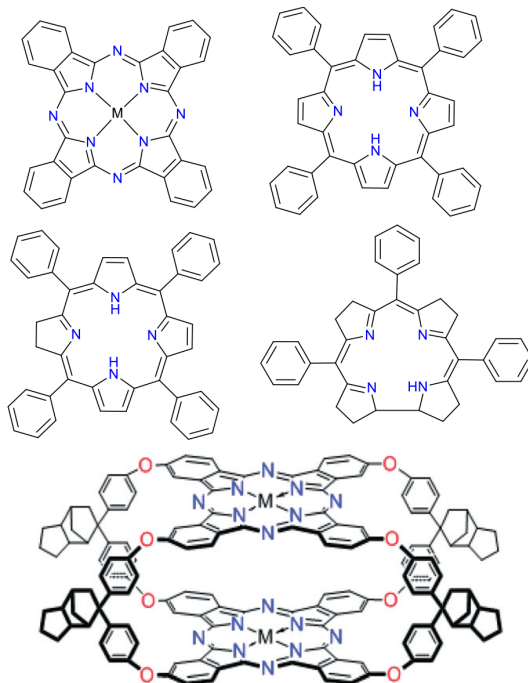


## Preface

We are proud to present this special issue of the *Turkish Journal of Chemistry*, devoted to the chemistry, properties, and applications of porphyrins, phthalocyanines, and related derivatives (see figure).



This issue includes 21 papers, 7 by authors of various nationalities and 14 by Turkish authors.

Turkey has made an important contribution to this field and recently hosted the 8th International Conference on Porphyrins and Phthalocyanines, during which the prominent role played by Prof Dr Özer Bekaroğlu was honoured.

The field of these tetrapyrrolic derivatives can be described as a long journey from their sole use as dyes and pigments to their use as highly technological agents, as evidenced by the topics of the papers in this issue.

We wish to thank all the contributors to this issue and hope that it will find a large audience due to its high scientific quality.

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