

# Editorial

## Chemistry in Life

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Contributions from chemistry to the area of life sciences are enormous. Chemicals in natural or synthetic forms have been used in health and clinical areas as long as history can be traced, and advancements in humanity's understanding of the chemical nature of making and breaking bonds have contributed to unprecedented developments in clinical chemistry. A section in this issue of *The Chemist* is dedicated to the theme "Clinical Chemistry" edited by Dr. Margot Hall. Dr. Hall was kind enough to solicit manuscripts for this themed section, as well as doing all the hard work associated with the process of editing it. For a summary of the manuscripts in this section, I encourage you to read the guest editorial by Dr. Hall in this issue of the journal.

In addition to the themed section on Clinical Chemistry, there are contributions from others. Bethany Davis describes a thought provoking way to encourage the participation of girls in chemistry through exploring the chemistry of makeup. She was invited to write this piece in *The Chemist* based upon her well-known outreach efforts to promote chemistry among girls in schools and colleges. Encouraging the participation of women in general in the sciences is a national priority. On the other topics, Leah Eller presents a review of the book *Organic Structure Analysis* (second edition), and Kenneth Abate reviews the book *Metal-Polymer Nanocomposites*. Finally, a friend of chemistry, Dr. P. V. Thomas is recognized.

It is impossible to edit a journal without the generous help of colleagues. I would like to thank Dr. Penelope Fritzer of Florida Atlantic University for her valuable feedback on book reviews. Thanks to the reviewers from the journal's review board and those who served as ad hoc reviewers contributing their time reviewing manuscripts for *The Chemist*. Also thanks to Wade Berstler of Florida Atlantic University as ad hoc editorial assistant on various tasks associated with editing *The Chemist* this Fall. Finally, a journal is worth nothing without its readership benefiting from its articles. I hope this volume 87 and issue number two of *The Chemist* is of interest to you.

Thank you.