

## Editorial



### Dear *SYNLETT* readers,

For some time, the *SYNLETT* editors have searched diligently for an additional editor for the *SYNLETT* office of the Americas for provision of effective and timely handling of manuscripts. I am now delighted to announce that, starting with the present issue, Tomislav Rovis of Colorado State University has joined the *SYNLETT* Editorial Board in this capacity.

Tom obtained his PhD degree from the University of Toronto under the supervision of Mark Lautens (1998), carried out postdoctoral research with David Evans (Harvard University, 1998–2000), and was appointed Assistant Professor at Colorado State University in 2000. Since 2008, he is Full Professor, holding the John K. Stille Chair and supervising a very active group of students and postdocs involved in diverse areas of organic synthesis. Representative innovative and useful chemistry emanating recently from Tom's group includes: 'An improved catalyst architecture for rhodium(III) catalyzed C–H activation and its application to pyridone synthesis' *Chem. Sci.* **2011**, *2*, 1606; 'Organocatalytic Hydroacylation of Unactivated Alkenes' *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2011**, *50*, 2982; 'N-Heterocyclic Carbene and

Brønsted Acid Cooperative Catalysis: Asymmetric Synthesis of *trans*- $\gamma$ -Lactams' *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2011**, *133*, 12466; and 'The Catalytic Asymmetric Intramolecular Stetter Reaction' *Synlett* **2009**, 1189.

Tom will share equal responsibilities with me as *SYNLETT* Regional Editor for the Americas. His significant appreciation of the field of organic synthesis, both in methods and in the construction of bioactive molecules and natural products will be valuable to us and appreciated by all of you who submit papers to *SYNLETT*. Although Tom is a Canadian, his presence in the American chemical community will give additional impact not only in the United States but, as is the nature of all of Thieme's chemistry journals, internationality to our aims of excellence in reporting advances in synthetic organic chemistry. Therefore, in the full sharing of the Editor responsibilities with Tom, our office will have the benefit of broader *au courant* knowledge of various fields of organic synthesis for the evaluation of your manuscripts. In addition, as is the hallmark of Thieme's chemistry journal activities, Tom will be involved in the development of new ideas and projects that will benefit the synthetic community. The submission of manuscripts to *SYNLETT* will not change at this time. Tom and I will share the editorial duties and you will be duly notified which one of us is responsible for the evaluation of your manuscripts and relevant correspondence.

On behalf of the Editorial Board of *SYNLETT* and Thieme Verlag, it is my great pleasure to welcome Tom Rovis as Regional Editor for the Americas. It will be a pleasure to work with Tom in our continuing quest to publish the best of the advances in synthetic organic chemistry in *SYNLETT*.

**Victor Snieckus**

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