

Editorial

The industrial development of modern China has taken place at a breathtaking pace. I was personally witness to it during a lecture tour of Shanghai and Beijing in September of 2002. I was deeply impressed by the high quality of the evolving research in synthetic organic chemistry, and we have all witnessed the explosive growth of the number of excellent scientific publications in the journals. **SYNLETT** has benefited greatly from these advances, as the number of submitted articles has increased exponentially over the past three years from 63 in 2002 to 206 (!) in 2004, a trend that is continuing unabatedly. As a consequence of this expansion, the notion of appointing an Editor for China was raised and adopted at our Editorial Board meeting last year. This decision was

followed by a fact-finding tour of the prime institutions in Beijing, Shanghai, and Hong Kong taken in November by Dr. Guido F. Herrmann, Managing Director Thieme Chemistry, and Dr. Susanne Haak, Managing Editor **SYNTHESIS/SYNLETT**. I am now pleased to announce the appointments of Professors *Henry N. C. Wong* (Regional Editor; http://www.chem.cuhk.edu.hk/faculty_wong_henry.htm) and *Hak-Fun Chow* (Associate Regional Editor; http://www.chem.cuhk.edu.hk/faculty_chow_hakfun.htm) from The Chinese University of Hong Kong to the positions of China editors for **SYNLETT**. Their expertise will be invaluable as the journal grows in the 21st century.

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Editor in Chief



Professor Wong was born in Hong Kong in 1950, graduated from The Chinese University of Hong Kong in 1973, and obtained his Ph.D. degree at University College London (with Professor Franz Sondheimer) in 1976. He was a postdoctoral associate at Harvard University (with Professor Robert B. Woodward) and a Ramsay Memorial Fellow at University College London. He is a member of the Chinese Academy of Sciences and the Academy of Sciences for the Developing World, and Chairman of the Management Committee, Shanghai–Hong Kong Joint Laboratory in Chemical Synthesis, Shanghai Institute of Organic Chemistry. His research interests concern the chemistry of organosilicon and heterocyclic compounds, as well as syntheses of natural and non-natural molecules.



Professor Chow was born in Hong Kong in 1957, graduated from The Chinese University of Hong Kong in 1979, and obtained his Ph.D. degree at the University of Cambridge (with Professor Ian Fleming) in 1984. He was a postdoctoral associate at the ETH Zürich (with Professor Dieter Seebach) and at the University of Oxford (with Professor George W. J. Fleet). His research interests are centered on the synthesis and applications of dendritic macromolecules and the development of new synthetic methodologies in material and catalysis applications.