

Editorial Announcement

The editors of the *Journal of Polymer Science Part A: Polymer Chemistry* are delighted to congratulate our fellow editor, Virgil Percec, P. Roy Vagelos Professor of Chemistry at the Department of Chemistry, University of Pennsylvania, as the 2004 recipient of the prestigious ACS Award in Polymer Chemistry sponsored by ExxonMobil Chemical Company. The award will be presented at the 227th ACS National Meeting in Anaheim, CA and cites Virgil for "his contributions to the development of novel methods of polymer synthesis for both covalent and supramolecular systems from liquid-crystalline polymers to dendrimers". Virgil joins our illustrious Advisory Editors, Professors Jean M. J. Fréchet, Robert H. Grubbs, and David A. Tirrell and founding editor Herman F. Mark as worthy recipients of this important and esteemed award.

As a scientist and spokesman for polymer chemistry, Virgil Percec is unique in the international community. Over the last 25 years, Virgil has contributed a body of independent research that is unmatched in originality, breadth, and scope. Beginning from his original work involving the synthesis and chemistry of poly(arylacetylene) stereoisomers, proceeding to metal-catalyzed arylations, phase-transfer catalyzed polymerizations, living and other controlled radical

polymerization, and supramolecular polymer chemistry, Virgil has significantly influenced a generation of polymer chemists with his prodigious energy and extraordinary dedication to scholarly work. A number of new and important areas of polymer chemistry have emerged as a result of Virgil's insight, and he has applied his enormous skills creatively to solve real problems of scientific and technological significance.

We would like to express our most sincere congratulations to Virgil Percec on this well-deserved award. It is an honor to work with him as editors of the *Journal of Polymer Science Part A: Polymer Chemistry* and we thank Virgil for his continuing and invaluable contributions to the journal, the success of which is evident from the fifth straight year of an increasing impact factor. The innovations and insights that Virgil brings not only to the journal but to all aspects of polymer chemistry are his trademark and we express our gratitude to him for all of his efforts.



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