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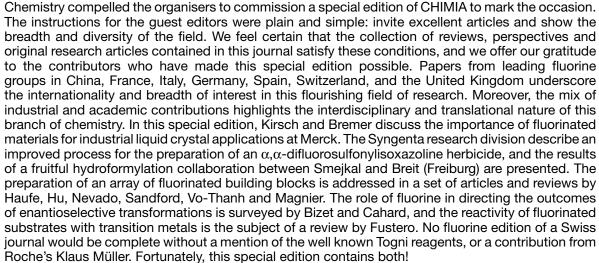


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"Fluorine leaves nobody indifferent; it inflames emotions be that affections or aversions. As a substituent, it is rarely boring, always good for a surprise, but often completely unpredictable."

In memoriam Manfred Schlosser (1934–2013)

The success of the recent Swiss Chemical Society - Syngenta Symposium: Frontiers in Fluorine



The junior editor (R.G.) was also successful in convincing the senior editor (D.S.) to write a 'fluorous autobiography', chronicling several decades of fluorine chemistry in the Seebach lab. This first article illustrates the rich tradition of organo-fluorine chemistry in Europe and is an appropriate place to begin! In closing, we wish to express our deepest thanks to all of the authors who made this special edition possible, and to Syngenta AG (Drs Alain de Maesmaeker and Andrew Plant) for supporting the Swiss Chemical Society – Syngenta Symposium: Frontiers in Fluorine Chemistry.



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