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**HENK VAN DER PLAS
80 YEARS**

On May 4 Prof. Henk van der Plas, one of the best known, most erudite, and most respected heterocyclic chemists, was eighty. All those who had the good fortune to work with him, to hear his brilliant lectures, or simply to attend the conferences to which to this day his active participation has given a completely different perception and a much higher level of scientific debate, all these chemists have invariably fallen and continue to fall under his charm, draw inspiration from his ideas, and learn to seek and see new associations and interactions in the events.

An open and amicable, tactful, and attentive person Prof. van der Plas, in spite of his big titles and numerous awards, is always ready for collaboration, for interesting discussion of a scientific problems. Many young scientists attending the conferences with their own first scientific works are deeply grateful to the Professor for his invaluable advice, attention, and participation.

We are proud of the fact that Prof. van der Plas is a member of the editorial board of our journal and are thankful for his constant support and assistance.

We wish our dear birthday celebrant long years of happy and joy-filled productive life, sound health, and accomplishment of all his plans. We look forward to our continuing collaboration.

About Professor H. van der Plas, his Scientific Work

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