

# *Preface*

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Our work this year has been overshadowed by the loss of Ian Galpin. After a peptide apprenticeship at Exeter, he extended his experience as an ICI Postdoctoral Fellow with the late Professor George Kenner at Liverpool. He joined the academic staff there in 1974, and it was his professional base for the rest of his life. A still rising but already leading figure in UK peptide chemistry, he had contributed the chapter on peptide synthesis to every volume of these specialist reports since the eleventh, and would have done so again for the twentieth. He had also recently been elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Peptide and Protein Group of the Royal Society of Chemistry and Biochemical Society. He will therefore be greatly missed, not only in his own country but also abroad. Many of our readers will have met him at European or American Peptide Symposia, and will remember him as a convivial conference companion as well as an outstanding peptide chemist. He listed hill-walking as one of his main relaxations: he met his death as the result of sudden bad weather on an expedition in Wales with a colleague on 8 February 1988, aged only 41.

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