



## Editor's Personal Foreword



### An appreciation

One of the more fulfilling aspects of serving on the editorial board of the *International Journal of Mass Spectrometry* is the occasional opportunity to recognize and honor special scientists in our mass spectrometry and ion chemistry communities. I (MTR) have had the pleasure of serving as guest editor for four previous honor issues and it is indeed a delight to do so once again. Peter Armentrout, a veteran of three previous honor issues, enthusiastically agreed to help me co-edit this issue. About a year and a half ago, our suggestion that *IJMS* honor Veronica M. Bierbaum was met with universal approval by the editors and editorial board. As usual, Mike Bowers' first concerns were what occasion would we be honoring Veronica for and where and when would the special issue be presented. As Veronica has recently passed her milestone 65th birthday, that seemed a suitable occasion. As Veronica is a strong proponent of student mentoring and frequent participant in the Lake Arrowhead Conference on Ion Chemistry and Mass Spectrometry (a meeting dedicated to student development) held annually in January, this seemed like an ideal venue for presentation.

I (MTR) am particularly happy to have arranged this special issue because almost since I first met Veronica (who is generally thought of as Ronnie amongst her friends), I have looked to her as an ideal female role model for my career and personal life. I have always been deeply impressed by Ronnie's commitment to excellent and pedagogic science, and in particular, her support for "*the fundamentals*", which has shown in the research results she and her students have presented at scientific meetings and in her leadership within the ASMS community. I have also felt a special kinship with Ronnie as both of our career paths deviated somewhat from that taken by fast-track academics, having both started our independent careers a little later than is typical. I have also been very impressed by her rigorous mentoring of students and strong commitment to serving the scientific community. In essence, I find in Ronnie a person that shares my values and ideals. Although Ronnie has not been a formal mentor of mine, my interactions with her at scientific meetings, at social events and on excursions at those meetings, and those at ASMS meetings and activities have provided me with excellent examples for all aspects of my career: the science, the networking, mentoring, and service. It should not be surprising then how pleased I was when my former Ph.D. student Zhibo Yang decided to pursue postdoctoral work under Ronnie's guidance. Her efforts clearly paid off as Zhibo is now doing well in an independent position and has been able to contribute one of his first independent papers to this issue.

I (PBA) have known Veronica for a long time, but my first vivid recollection of our interactions was at a Gordon Research Conferences on Isotopes. This was a fairly small and somewhat closed community, but the conference always made a point of inviting a few people from outside their regulars. One year, both Ronnie and I were invited (along with one other person) and put in the Friday morning slot (which also tells you how long ago it was). I never thought this was such a good plan because putting your outsiders in the last session of the conference meant that most attendees did not know who you were or what you did until it was too late. Because of this partial isolation, Ronnie and I gravitated towards one another and talked a fair bit during the week, including a memorable canoe trip down the local river one afternoon. When I think of Ronnie, I remember that she gives meticulously prepared talks. Back in the days when overheads were used exclusively, she always had at least one slide where she would carefully reveal one bullet point after another by sliding a covering page gradually down the overhead. It just is not the same when done with powerpoint. I am also grateful for the forward she prepared for the focus issue of JASMS honoring my Biemann Medal Award in 2001. It was both professional and personal and highlighted the entire endeavor for me. Finally, I remember being surprised when I first learned that Ronnie was not a regular faculty member, and then very enthusiastic when her long overdue faculty appointment became official. Ronnie has always been the epitome of a scientist, with high standards and excellent science coupled with the ability to collaborate, mentor, teach, and learn and the desire to serve the community as well.

About the time we began the process of putting together this issue of *IJMS*, Veronica's father, Herman, passed away. Veronica remembers that her father and her mother, Rosina, were deeply supportive of her career goals, and had invested their children with a tremendous work ethic and the confidence to achieve their dreams, even given limited financial resources. Many in the mass spectrometry community will remember Herman's active participation at ASMS meetings, especially the poster sessions.

The response from the scientific community to our solicitation for this special issue was overwhelmingly positive. Timing did not enable everyone who would have liked to contribute to do so, but it is clear that Veronica is held in very high esteem by all. We hope that Veronica enjoys this collection of manuscripts by her colleagues and friends and views this honor issue as a true reflection of the great respect, admiration, and regard that the community has for her, and one reward for such a fabulous career.

Happy birthday, Veronica!

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**GOING WITH THE FLOW: ION CHEMISTRY AND THE FLOWING AFTERGLOW**

**A Collection of Invited Papers Dedicated to Veronica M. Bierbaum on  
the Occasion of Her 65th Birthday**



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