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## Volume Editor's Preface

One-pot methodologies are finding increasing application in all fields of chemistry. This two-volume reference work on *Multicomponent Reactions* has been designed to cover a highly dynamic field, which is of particular interest to synthetic practitioners in both academia and industry. The whole endeavor of summarizing the state of the art of this historical and developing concept in synthetic methodology would not have been possible without the team of distinguished experts who have contributed by writing a chapter. Their names are all mentioned individually in my Introduction chapter, and I thank them for their dedication and enthusiasm. Furthermore, I am very grateful to my coaching senior editor, Ernst Schaumann, whose guidance has always been helpful and who always constructively stimulated feedback circles. Many thanks also go to the editorial team at Thieme, particularly to Toby Reeve, the scientific editor in charge of coordinating these two volumes; he always kept the ball rolling and raised many issues. Last but not least, I want to express my deep-felt thanks to my wife, Marion, and to our kids, Lukas, Laura, and Felix, for their understanding and tolerance of this project of two volumes that has absorbed me over the past two years.

With respect to the importance of his work and also to his visionary power, these two volumes are dedicated to the memory of Karl Ivar Ugi, the pioneer of modern multicomponent chemistry. Eventually, he recognized that multicomponent reactions are a never-ending story, full of many episodes of exciting, breathtaking, innovative, and elegant syntheses.

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