



Foreword

This issue of *Coordination Chemistry Reviews* consists of papers based on oral presentations given at the Twelfth International Symposium on Photochemistry and Photophysics of Coordination Compounds (ISPPCC) which was held on the campus of Saint Michael's College in Colchester, Vermont, USA, from June 28 to July 3, 1997. Since its founding in 1974, the ISPPCC has met biennially in the following venues (listed chronologically): Frankfurt, Germany; Ferrara, Italy; Cologne, Germany; Montréal, Canada; Gif-sur-Yvette, France; London, UK; Elmau, Germany; Santa Barbara, USA; Fribourg, Switzerland; Sendai, Japan; and Kraków, Poland. The proceedings of the last few meetings have been published in *Coordination Chemistry Reviews*.

In 1997 the ISPPCC attracted 160 photochemists and photophysicists from 21 countries. In addition to the 39 oral presentations summarized in this issue, there were 102 poster presentations. The discussion focused on recent advances on the properties and processes of excited states of transition metal complexes.

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