

## INTRODUCTION

The first International Symposium on Spin Trapping was held at the University of Guelph in July, 1981. It served to focus the area and a special issue resulting from this meeting was published in the Canadian Journal of Chemistry in 1982.

As a result of urging from practitioners from all over the world, the second International Symposium on Spin Trapping was organized again at the University of Guelph in July, 1989. This special issue is the result of papers submitted by the participants of this conference.

The third symposium is being planned for 1991 or 1992 in Japan (probably Kyoto). The fourth may occur in Oklahoma around 1995 or 1996. Comments from interested spin trappers are welcomed.

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