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PREFACE

This volume contains selected papers presented at the 24th International Symposium on Environmental Analytical Chemistry held in Ottawa, Canada on the 16–19 May, 1994. The meeting was organized by the International Association of Environmental Analytical Chemistry in collaboration with the Centre for Environmental and Analytical Chemistry of Carleton University, Ottawa. Previous symposia in this series have been held throughout Europe and, in alternate years, in the U.S.A. in collaboration with the USEPA laboratory in Athens, Georgia. It was held twice previously in Canada in the early 1970s.

The 24th Symposium proved to be very successful attracting excellent speakers and more than 100 posters from many different areas of environmental analytical chemistry. Over 300 scientists from 26 countries around the world participated in the event which focused on topics such as new analytical methods, metal and organometallic speciation, multi-dimensional and hyphenated techniques, ground water contamination and quality assurance.

The papers included in this volume reflect rather nicely the interdisciplinary nature of the research which was presented at the symposium. Future symposia in this series will be held in Jekyll Island, Georgia, U.S.A. (June 1995) and in Vienna, Austria (April, 1996).

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