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## Editorial

**The 12th International Symposium on Polymer Analysis and Characterization (ISPAC) was held from 28 to 30 June, 1999 in La Rochelle, France under the auspices of the University of La Rochelle.**

The three day program consisted of invited lectures, posters, discussions and information exchange on polymer analysis and characterization approaches, techniques and applications. Invited talks included state-of-the-art developments. Each session was followed by a discussion period. The main program was preceded, on 27 June, 1999, by a comprehensive one-day Short Course, taught by internationally recognized experts. The course, intended for those actively involved in polymer analysis and characterization or those who would like to learn more about methods, included reviews of fundamental principles, instrumentation and methodologies, recent advances and selected applications, along with ample discussions. Full papers of some of the invited talks and poster presentations are published in this Special Issue of the International Journal of Polymer Analysis and Characterization (IJPAC).

This was for the first time that ISPAC was held in France and for the last time at the close of this century on the European continent. The success of the Symposium, from the viewpoint of the scientific as well as social program, was facilitated by support of recognized scientific institutions and National Scientific Societies as well as by sponsors. The organizers of ISPAC would like to acknowledge the support of all scientific research bodies and sponsors whose full list is given below.

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