

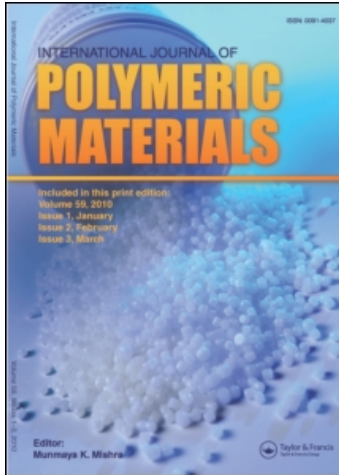
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# Preface

Polymer liquid crystals (PLCs) are not a laboratory curiosity anymore. They are a class of materials with certain current applications with potential for many more applications in the future. Covering the increasing literature of this subject is difficult. At the same time, the rapid growth brings into the PLC field more and more people who come from a variety of areas. They find the extensive literature either bewildering or not fitting with their backgrounds of physics, chemistry, electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, and other fields.

To solve this problem, the present virtual symposium was organized primarily from the University of North Texas in Denton. For the publication of the proceeding of the symposium we selected the International Journal of Polymeric Materials, because, as its name shows, covers a broad science and technology area to which the PLCs belong.

A few words of appreciation are in order. Our thanks are due to the authors who in their contributions not only discussed their own research but tried to provide a wider panorama of our field. Based on the comments of the referees, these authors apparently succeeded in achieving these goals. The work of referees was useful indeed, particularly in providing the uniformity of symbols, terminology and units. Dr. Dusan Prevorsek as the Editor-in-Chief has provided in his journal a home for our efforts.

We dedicate this collections of papers to the memory of Professor Dov Katz: an extraordinary polymer scientist; a Polish gentleman, an Israeli defence researcher and professor of Technion in Haifa; a grower of hibiscus; and a Member of the Editorial Board of the International Journal of Polymeric Materials.

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