

FOREWORD

This volume represents the proceedings of the Ninth International Symposium on Advances in Chromatography held in Houston, Texas, November 4-7, 1974. The 61 papers included are equally divided between chromatographers from the United States of America and 16 other countries proving again the internationality of science. The subject of the papers is related to all techniques of chromatography, involving questions of theory and practice. The increased importance of liquid chromatography is best evidenced by the fact that one-third of the papers report work involving this technique.

The International Symposia on the Advances in Chromatography started in 1963. The first three symposia took place in Houston, Texas, while subsequent meetings were held in New York, N.Y., Las Vegas, Nev., Miami Beach, Fla. and Toronto, Canada. We are now returning to Houston, and once again enjoying the traditional Southern hospitality.

Recognizing the need for lasting public recognition of important achievements and research in this field, the M.S. Tswett Chromatography Medal was established. It is awarded for the first time at this meeting to five scientists, for their pioneer achievements in chromatography. Further medals will be periodically awarded at subsequent symposia.

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