

## FOREWORD

The *Ninth International Symposium on Column Liquid Chromatography* (9th ISCLC) took place in Edinburgh from 1st to 5th July 1985 in the McEwan Hall and the Appleton Tower of the University of Edinburgh. It was attended by 749 delegates from 25 countries. Thirteen plenary lectures, 56 lectures in parallel sessions and 239 poster papers were presented making a total of 308 in all. Forty-four companies took part in the scientific exhibition of high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) equipment and accessories.

The wealth of material presented, and the enthusiasm of delegates, presenters of papers, and session chairmen made the 9th ISCLC a most rewarding and stimulating meeting at which the high scientific standards of the previous symposia were fully maintained. Dr. John Burnett, Principal of the University welcomed delegates, and Mr. Allan Stewart, Scottish Minister for Industry and Education gave the opening address in which he stressed the importance he attached to the role of HPLC in the fields of industrial chemistry, biochemistry and clinical chemistry.

This volume contains the texts of those papers which authors submitted to the Symposium Editor and they represent the scientific core of the Symposium. The HPLC community is much indebted to Dr. Erich Heftmann and to the Editorial staff of the *Journal of Chromatography* for their tremendous efforts in bringing the papers of the 9th ISCLC to early publication.

Several companies and public bodies gave direct financial support to the symposium, and these are listed on p. VI. Their support was enormously valuable in enabling the Organising Committee to increase substantially the number of international scientists we were able to support. We would particularly thank the Scottish Development Agency through their Health Care and Biotechnology Division for a most generous subvention.

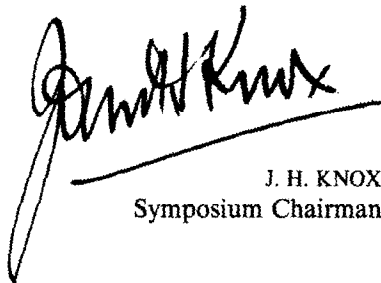
As Chairman of the 9th ISCLC I wish to record my personal appreciation to the many helpers without whose efforts and support a successful symposium would have been impossible. First of all I thank my local Organising Committee whose hard work and intellectual input formed the foundation of the whole enterprise. I thank the University staff whose unstinting help made the meeting run so smoothly during the critical first week in July. And I thank the research students and post-doctoral workers who acted as stewards, and whose charm and efficiency ensured the smooth conduct of the scientific programme.

Major international symposia require a basic logistical organization which academics take on at their peril. We were extremely fortunate to have the most efficient services of Mr. Ron Hurley and his staff at CEP Consultants in Edinburgh to handle the massive correspondence and organisation involved in registration, handling of abstracts, printing of the programme, hotel bookings, mounting the exhibition and arranging the social events.

I am greatly indebted to my Scientific Committee, including the members of the Permanent International Committee of the International Symposia on Column Liquid Chromatography, for their sterling efforts in developing a first-rate scientific programme which we believe was warmly appreciated by symposium delegates, and

I should personally like to thank them for their continual support and encouragement over the long period of preparation of the meeting.

Finally, I want to thank all those unsung delegates who attended the 9th ISCLC but did not present papers! Without you, international symposia as we know them could not survive. We ask for your continued support for the international meetings upon which the advance of science depends.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "J. H. Knox". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left and then curves back under the name.

J. H. KNOX  
Symposium Chairman