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Preface

The 4th International Symposium on Capillary Electrophoresis, organised by the Chromatographic Society, the British Electrophoresis Society and the University of York, was held in York, 21–23 August 1996.

The meeting took place at the University of York, in the Exhibition Centre. The Welcome Reception and Buffet was held in The National Railway Museum, whilst the Symposium Dinner was held in The Merchant Adventurers' Hall. The Museum is a monument to the industrial revolution and to Victorian and 20th century technology. By way of contrast, the Merchant Adventurers' is a Guild Hall dating back to the 13th century. The delegates thereby had an introduction to the history of the City.

Approximately 160 participants were present, 16 oral presentations and 57 posters were given and exhibits of capillary electrophoresis instrumentation and supplies were shown by eight companies. The high quality of the presentations, the compact site for the poster exhibition and lectures and the informal atmosphere of the meeting all contributed to the success of the symposium.

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members of the Scientific Committee: Dr. Chris Bevan (GlaxoWellcome Research & Development), Dr. Brian Clark (School of Pharmacy, University of Bradford), Dr. Michael Dunn (National Heart and Lung Institute), Professor Werner Kuhr (University of California, Riverside), Dr. David Lloyd (McGill University, Montreal), Dr. David Perrett (St. Bartholomew's Medical College, London) and Dr. Stephen Wren (Zeneca Pharmaceuticals). Terry Threlfall and Jean Scott deserve special thanks for all their work as symposium manager and symposium secretary, respectively. I am also grateful to Professor Zdenek Deyl for organising and editing this volume.

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We look forward to the 5th International Symposium on Capillary Electrophoresis, which will be held in York, 26–28 August 1998.

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