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## Foreword

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The *International Symposium on High Performance Liquid Phase Separations and Related Techniques* (“HPLC Kyoto”) was held from 11–14 September 2001 at the Kyoto Institute of Technology, Kyoto, Japan. The symposium was organized by the Society for Chromatographic Sciences. Three major subject areas were discussed in this first satellite symposium of the HPLC series of symposia in Asia:

- Microscale separations,
- New separation media, and
- Pharmaceutical, biomedical, and biochemical applications,

with the “hottest” areas being chip technology, monolithic columns, and proteomics, respectively.

A total of 210 papers were presented including 66 lectures and 144 posters in the symposium period of three and a half days. Lecture sessions, partly held as parallel sessions, and poster presentations, divided into two parts, attracted many participants. In addition, an informal lecture session with dinner was held one night to give young researchers the opportunity to present their research orally, and to create a possibility to meet invited senior scientists as well as young researchers from other countries. At the exhibition held together with the poster presentations, HPLC and CE instruments and related supplies were displayed by 29 companies including some from overseas. The program provided scientific information of high level, and ample opportunity for exchange of ideas and thoughts for the participants. The organizers were particularly happy to find talented young researchers in poster and informal lecture presentations. Two poster awards were given for each session, and the best lecture was selected in the informal lecture session.

A total of 302 participants attended HPLC Kyoto, 103 from overseas (22 countries) and 199 from Japan, including 33 students. Oversea participants included 30 from USA, 46 from Europe, and 27 from Asia and Australia. Twelve travel grants were awarded to students and to young faculty members in academia.

Due to the terrorists’ attack to the USA on the first day of the symposium, 11 September 2001, two invited speakers from the USA could not attend HPLC Kyoto. Many American delegates had to stay 2–3 days longer than they originally planned due to the closure of airports in the USA. In spite of this incident and the unusually hot and humid weather, HPLC Kyoto showed a high level of science, and provided a friendly forum for international exchange, especially for those from Asia. The participants also had a chance to visit temples and gardens to touch Japanese culture.

HPLC Kyoto was supported by several foundations: the Commemorative Association for the Japan World Exposition (1970), the Pharmaceutical Manufacturers’ Association (Tokyo and Osaka), Hosokawa Powder Technology Foundation, and Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (Grant-in-Aid for Publication of Scientific Research Result) funded by the Ministry of Education, Sports, Culture, Science and Technology; and also by companies: Agilent, Merck Japan, Shimadzu Corp., Sigma-Aldrich (Supelco) and Yakult. In addition, individual supports were provided to some invited speakers by the Japan Society for Promotion of Science, Naito Foundation, and Chubu Electric Co. Without these supports, it would have been impossible to organize this meeting. The symposium was run by the students of the laboratory of K.I.T. with Professors Ken

Hosoya (Secretariat) and Tohru Ikegami (Treasurer). Their performance was praised by many participants after the symposium.

We hope HPLC Kyoto to be remembered not because of the terrorism in the USA during the symposium period but because of its contribution to separation science and international exchange, especially in the Far East area. Satellite symposia in this area will increase the contributions from this area, and will make the HPLC series of symposia truly a

world-wide forum of separation scientists. It is our hope that HPLC Kyoto serves as a step to the progress of the field of separation science and to greater international understanding.

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