The Joint Meeting comprising the 3rd International Symposium on Clathrate Compounds and Molecular Inclusion Phenomena and the 2nd International Symposium on Cyclodextrins was held on 23-27 July, 1984, in Tokyo, Japan. It was organized by the Japan Association for Inclusion Chemistry together with the International Organization Committee, with the auspices of sixteen societies and associations in Japan. This event was the first joint meeting with the hope of unifying the above two symposia.

The program of the symposium consisted of 142 papers, including 14 invited papers. The invited papers and some selected topics were presented verbally, and all the other 118 papers were displayed in poster sessions.

The symposium was held at Hoshi University in Tokyo. Due to the multidisciplinary nature of the subjects treated, the scope and subjects were grouped into two parts. In the first group, the chemistry of cyclodextrins, synthetic organic hosts, inorganic and metal complex hosts and layered hosts were treated. In the second group applications in various fields, biomimetic aspects, physicochemical aspects, selectivity, stereo-specificity and other aspects were discussed. The scientific sessions were carried out in a really vivid atmosphere. The number of participants viz 50 from 19 overseas countries and 253 domestic participants exceeded our expectation.

On behalf of the organizing committee we would like to thank all the participants who contributed to the success of the first joint symposium. This symposium was really made possible by generous financial support from the Japan World Exposition Commemorative Fund, the Yamada Science Foundation, the Naito Foundation and the Yoshida Foundation for Science and Technology. We would like to acknowledge these Foundations and also the hospitality given by President T. Kametani of Hoshi University.

Eight invited, 20 review and 69 original papers are printed in this volume of the Proceedings. One half contains the cyclodextrin related papers, and the other half the remaining papers. Each original paper was examined by two referees. At first, the papers of Japanese authors were treated by T. Osa, and those of non-Japanese authors by J. E. D. Davies. Finally the style and language of all the papers were checked by Dr. Davies.

Editorial work was also done by Professors T. Iwamoto, T. Nagai and K. Takemoto, members of the Committee for Publication, and Professor J. L. Atwood, a member of the International Organizing

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