

Preface

The joint meeting comprising the 4th International Symposium on Inclusion Phenomena and the 3rd International Symposium on Cyclodextrins was held on 20 - 25 July, 1986 at the University of Lancaster, Great Britain, and followed on from the previous joint meeting held in Tokyo in July, 1984. The meeting was sponsored by the Royal Society of Chemistry.

The action packed week consisted of the presentation of 14 Plenary Lectures and 19 Invited Lectures; a Poster Session at which 100 posters were on display (the participants were fortified during this four hour event by a liberal supply of free food and drink!) and two informal Evening Sessions where liquid refreshments were available to lubricate the vocal chords of delegates. The 220 participants from 23 countries were thus kept completely occupied throughout the meeting.

One extremely useful feature of the meeting was the preparation of a daily report summarising the highlights of the previous day's events. This report - The Daily Gleaner - was prepared by a group of postgraduate students from Imperial College, London and the Universities of Lancaster and Sheffield, under the guidance of Fraser Stoddart (Sheffield) and Dick Wife (Shell, Amsterdam).

A tremendous amount of work, frequently stretching into the early hours of the morning, was required of the group to ensure that The Daily Gleaner was ready by the start of the morning session. After a few days delegates were literally queuing up to collect their copy hot off the photocopier. As a tribute to the group, and to give a flavour of the interdisciplinary nature of the oral presentations, we reproduce the entire copy in this issue.

The proceedings of the meeting will be published in three issues of Volume 5 - Numbers 1, 2 and 4. Because of the high quality of the material presented in the Poster Session, the Editorial Board members present at the meeting thought it wise to try and encourage all the poster authors to contribute to the Proceedings Issues and thus ensure a comprehensive record of the exciting material presented at the Poster Session.

It was appreciated that every author would not be able to submit an original MS due to other publication commitments. In this event authors were encouraged to submit an 'extended abstract' which thus avoids the problem of duplicate publication.

Volume 5 Numbers 1 and 2 thus contain 49 extended abstracts and Number 4 will contain the original papers. This issue contains the extended abstracts of posters dealing with cyclodextrins, enzyme models, and hydrophobic cage design.

Two separate meetings will be held in 1988. The 4th Cyclodextrin meeting will be held in Munich in April 1988 and the 5th Inclusion meeting will be held in Alabama in September 1988. Further details of these meetings can be obtained from Professor Szejtli (Chinoin Ltd, Budapest, Hungary) and from Professor Atwood (University of Alabama, Alabama 35486, USA) respectively.

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