

## Book Review

V. Balzani and L. De Cola (Editors), *Supramolecular Chemistry*, Kluwer Academic Publishers, Dordrecht, 1992. 450 pp., Dfl 260. ISBN 0-7923-1759-9.

This book reports the proceedings of the Second NATO Science Forum held at Taormina, Sicily in December 1991. The 29 contributions in this volume represent the oral presentations at the Forum; the many hours of formal and informal discussions and exchange of ideas being an additional valuable feature of the gathering. The Forum also marked the initiation of the NATO Special Science Programme on Supramolecular Chemistry.

The main areas of discussion are the design, synthesis and characterization of new building blocks and new assemblies for (i) molecular recognition, self assembly and self replication, (ii) selective catalysis and reactivity, (iii) energy and electron transfer processes related to the amplification of signals, information storage and solar energy conversion and (iv) encapsulation of radicals and unstable molecules.

The list of participants and observers at the Forum is an impressive one and the volume contains some outstanding contributions from the foremost research groups working in the area of supramolecular chemistry.

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