



Preface

This special issue of the *Journal of Inclusion Phenomena and Macrocylic Chemistry* contains full papers selected from invited lectures, oral and poster presentations, at the IXth International Seminar on Inclusion Compounds (ISIC-9), which was held in Novosibirsk, Russia, on 23–27 June 2003.

This seminar was the ninth in the consecutive series of seminars, which dates back to 1981, organized by Prof. Anna Sopkova in Staraya Lesna (then Chekhoslovakia) and modestly called “microsymposium”. In 1987 Professor J. Lipkowski held the International seminar ‘Inclusion Compounds’ in Poland and it was he who suggested to transform it into regular biennial meetings. Accordingly the third meeting was held in 1989 (Novosibirsk, USSR), followed by the fourth again in Staraya Lesna in 1991. In the 90s its geography drastically widened and it has become a widely recognized, fully-fledged international scientific forum. Three more meetings were held in this decade: in 1994 (Odessa, Ukraine), 1995 (Istanbul, Turkey), and 1997 (Pardubice, Czech Republic). The first symposium in the new millennium was held in 2001 in Popovo, Poland, followed by the Novosibirsk symposium. The aim of these meetings was to enhance scientific understanding of inclusion phenomena, to bring together specialists, both chemists and physicists, for a creative exchange of ideas and concepts, to

promote technological advances and to encourage cooperation between scientists from different parts of the world. In 2002 a sad event intervened – Professor Yurii Alekseevich Dyadin (1935–2002), one of the world leaders in the field and without whom it would never have taken the shape it took, prematurely passed away. He was a pioneer of clathrate chemistry both in the (then) USSR and in the world, a brilliant scientist and a wonderful person. It is not surprising, therefore, that the IXth Symposium was held in his Institute in Novosibirsk, Russia, where he worked for more than 40 years, and was dedicated to his memory. Most of the papers included in this issue are written by his friends, colleagues and pupils.

We wish to thank the international scientific advisors for their encouragement and all our sponsors for their financial support. We also thank all the participants for their lectures and posters, for their challenging questions and friendly discussions, for helping us to make it a truly creative and stimulating meeting.

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