

Preface

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The 10th International Conference on Calixarenes (10th ICC) was held at Korea University, in Seoul, Korea, from 13 to 16 July, 2009. More than 200 participants from 40 universities and institutes discussed the development of calixarenes chemistry. Fifty plenary and oral presentations and more than 150 posters concerning the synthesis, recognition, assembly and functions of calixarenes were presented, giving the most recent and significant achievements in a wide panel of research fields. More than 200 abstracts were submitted to this conference. The participants enjoyed not only the lectures about the latest advances calixarenes chemistry but also stimulating talks and meaningful discussions during panel discussions and posters sessions.

Twenty years after the First Workshop on Calixarenes was held in Mainz (Germany) in 1989, this conference has previously taken place, every 2 years, in several different countries: USA, Japan, Italy, Australia, Netherlands, Canada, and Czech Republic.

Thanks to the *Journal of Inclusion Phenomena and Macrocyclic Chemistry*. This special issue gives a flavour of the scientific approach of the meeting. Finally, we were very appreciated to all the chemistry researchers who delivered lectures, and to all of the participants who made the 10th Conference on Calixarenes a highly successful event.

It is also our hope and expectation that in reading of these articles you will come away with an even greater sense of anticipation for the 2011 International Conference on Calixarenes. This conference will be organized by Professor Javier de Mendoza of the Institute of Chemical Research of Catalonia of Barcelona in Spain and will provide another opportunity for the exchange of information within the calixarene and broader supramolecular communities. We look forward to meeting you there.

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