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## FOREWORD

It is a rare event when an informal discussion among the international leaders in a given scientific field can be held on a personal basis. This International Colloquium on Synthetic Polymer Chemistry was such an event.

The Colloquium was taped and then transcribed. An attempt has been made to preserve the lively and sometimes controversial tone of the discussions. The cooperation of all participants in the rapid return of their corrected manuscripts has allowed the timeliness of the meeting to be captured.

A special thanks must go to Mrs. Mary Ulrich for her patient and accurate transcription of the Colloquium tapes.

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