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## PREFACE

On behalf of Marcel Dekker, owner and publisher, and the staff of the *Journal of Macromolecular Science—Pure and Applied Chemistry*, we wish to take this opportunity to offer our best wishes to Professor Joseph P. Kennedy on the occasion of his 65th birthday.

A Symposium on Macromolecular Engineering was held August 27–28, 1993, at the University of Akron, Akron, Ohio, in honor of Professor Kennedy, Distinguished Professor of Polymer Science, in recognition of his scientific achievements and celebrating his 65th birthday. The Symposium opened on Friday, August 27, with Opening Remarks by Professor Frank Kelley from the University of Akron, followed by four lecture sessions: Prof. James Crivello, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; Prof. Adi Eisenberg, McGill University; Prof. Jean Frechet, Cornell University (Dr. Norbert Bikales, Polymers Program, NSF, Chairman); Prof. James Harwood and Dr. Robert E. Medsker, The University of Akron; Prof. Krzysztof Matyjaszewski, Carnegie Mellon University; Prof. James McGrath, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Dr. Russell A. Gaudiana, Polaroid Corp., Chairman); Prof. Stanislaw Penczek, Polish Academy; Prof. Virgil Percec, Case Western Reserve University (Prof. Tibor Kelen, Kossuth Lajos University, Chairman); Prof. Paul Rempp, Centre Recherches sur les Macromolecules; Prof. Roderic P. Quirk, The University of Akron (Dr. Adel Halasa, Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co., Chairman).

A banquet in honor of Prof. Kennedy followed at the Akron City Club.

The Symposium continued on Saturday, August 28, with additional lectures: Prof. Mitsuo Sawamoto, Kyoto University; Prof. Pierre Sigwalt, Universite P. et M. Curie; Prof. Robson Storey, The University of Southern Mississippi (Dr. Hsien-Chang Wang, Exxon Chemical Co., Chairman); Prof. David Tirrell, University of Massachusetts; Prof. Otto Vogl, Polytechnic University; Dr. Owen W. Webster, E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co. (Prof. Joseph Salamone, University of Massachusetts, Lowell, Chairman).

The Symposium closed with remarks with Prof. Rudolf Faust, University of Massachusetts, Lowell.

We would like to thank the Organizing Committee: Prof. Rudolf Faust, Chairman, University of Massachusetts, Lowell; Prof. Stanley Israel, Co-chairman, University of Massachusetts, Lowell; and Mrs. Alice Reeve, Coordinator, University of Massachusetts, Lowell. Without their dedication, patience, and cooperation, this Symposium and Special Issue would not have been possible. A special thanks goes to all those who contributed articles for this issue in honor of Prof. Kennedy.

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