

## EDITORIAL FOREWORD

This special issue of the Journal of Mathematical Chemistry contains refereed papers of most of the lectures delivered at the Fourth International Conference on Mathematical Chemistry. The Conference was held in Bled, The Republic of Slovenia, June 3–7, 1991, and it was organized by the Jožef Stefan Institute, Ljubljana under the auspices of the International Society of Mathematical Chemistry, the Slovenian Chemical Society and the Slovenian Association of Mathematicians and Physicists. The prime organizers were Dr. Borka Jerman-Blažič and Dr. Ivan Kopal, both from the Jožef Stefan Institute.

Bled, the site of the Conference, is a charming, quiet resort (known since the year 1004) situated by an idyllic Alpine lake with an islet rich in historical sites. A rocky height with an old castle rises above the lake, which is surrounded by the hills and the beautifully forested Alpine plateaux. The basin of Bled is ringed by the high mountain chains of the Karavanke and the Julian Alps. The place appears as the theoretician's paradise, well-suited for long walks and discussions.

The Conference attracted seventy-four participants from nineteen different countries. The number of pre-registered participants was much higher (150 pre-registrants from twenty-one different countries). However, the unfortunate political crisis in the Balkans prevented many from attending the Conference.

The keynote lectures, plenary lectures, invited lectures, contributed lectures and posters covered a significant part of the broad spectrum of the topics in mathematical chemistry and its interaction with other areas of chemistry.

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