

Preface

This volume of papers results from the 9th International Symposium on the Relations between Homogeneous and Heterogeneous Catalysis (SHHC-9), held at the University of Southampton, between July 19 and 24, 1998. The 9th Symposium had 235 registrants from 33 countries and contained six Plenary lectures, 11 Invited lecturers and 31 contributed lectures. In addition, there were 173 posters. This volume contains just a small section therefore of the exciting science that was shared by those attending.

The programme was divided into five themes: Supported Catalysts, Micro- and Meso-porous Catalysts, Enantiomeric Catalysts, Polymer Synthesis and New Approaches and Processes. The emphasis for the series remains on a molecular approach to catalysts in all phases, and this was expressed in reports from microporous solids through supported organometallics, single-liquid phase catalyst, biphasic catalysts to dendrimeric catalysts.

I am grateful to the members of the International Committee of the series for their excellent guidance in piecing together the invited lecture programme, and also to the National Committee for their advice in this and the selection of the

contributed papers. As ever, one is most indebted to the members of the Local Committee: George Attard, Carole Chatley, Judith Corker, Andreas Danopoulos, Brian Hayden, Andrea Russell, and Richard Whitby. Their efforts, before and during the conference, were the main reason for the scientific and social programmes gelling so well. The symposium was organised under the auspices of the Dalton Division of the Royal Society of Chemistry. The professionalism and insight of the conference team, John Gibson, Nicola Durkan, Jane Irvine, and Nicole Morgan, provided a totally reliable basis for launching into organising such a meeting.

The local committee, and many of the attendees of the Symposium, were deeply saddened by the death of one of our members, Judith Corker, shortly before the meeting took place. She was 31. We have missed her meticulous organisation and good humour then and since.

The 10th Symposium is due to be held in Lyon in 2002 under the chairmanship of Jean Marie Basset. It could not be in better hands to ensure a fine meeting and also efficient publication of the proceedings.

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