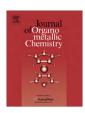


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Editorial

Preface to 12th International Symposium on Inorganic Ring Systems (IRIS 12)

On August 16–21, 2009, the 12th International Symposium on Inorganic Ring Systems (IRIS 12) was held in Goa, India. The conference was organized by Professor Pradeep Mathur of IIT Bombay. There were over 230 participants from 13 different countries. There were 75 lectures and 72 poster presentations. The main themes included: Synthesis, structure and reactivity, catalysis, applications of computational and theoretical methods, main group-transition metal cages and cluster complexes and inorganic materials. This special issue of the Journal of Organometallic Chemistry contains 27 contributions based on presentations made at this conference. The contributions were dominated by heterocy-

clic compounds derived from the main group elements, but reports containing transition metal complexes with organic ligands containing donors derived from main group elements were also abundant. This issue is being dedicated Professor C.N.R. Rao on the occasion of his 75th birthday in 2009.

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