

Editorial

ELEVENTH INFORMAL CONFERENCE ON PHOTOCHEMISTRY

In Volume 1, number 4 (March 1973) we reported on the Tenth Informal Photochemistry Conference. The Eleventh in the series was held at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee, from June 16th to 20th, 1974. On this occasion, the Host Committee was chaired by Professor Thomas W. Martin.

The Informal Conference on Photochemistry is the original continuing conference for physical photochemists started by Professor Francis E. Blacet in 1952. One of the great and original traditions of these Conferences is emphasized by the word "Informal" which is part of the official title because it is felt that a relaxed and more personal atmosphere for this Conference is the best way to foster a lively exchange of ideas among the participants. Thus the amount of programme devoted to formal presentations is purposely limited so that a greater portion of time is reserved for informal discussions. Necessarily, only a small proportion of the papers from these Conferences lend themselves to direct publication. This issue of the *Journal of Photochemistry* carries some of these papers, together with a record (p. 330) of all the contributions listed in the Conference Abstracts.

A major purpose of this particular meeting was to recognize the many contributions and outstanding personal qualities of one of the great pioneer American photochemists and founder of this Conference series, Professor Francis E. Blacet. An appreciation of Francis Blacet by Tom Martin appears on page 333, and a list of Blacet's students and associates on page 336.

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