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## Foreword

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The Fourth International Meeting on Lithium Batteries was held from May 24 to 27, 1988 on the campus of the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, B.C., Canada. The meeting attracted over 200 participants from 18 countries. As was the case for previous meetings, the scientific and technical program of 4IMLB was established with the help of an international scientific committee. This committee held a meeting in San Diego, California in October, 1986 at which time it was decided to focus the program of 4IMLB on the following topics:

1. Electrolytes
2. Electrode Materials
3. Kinetics
4. Safety and Reliability
5. Battery Systems

Accordingly, five invited speaker sessions dealing with these topics were arranged with the help of members of the Scientific Committee. In addition, prospective participants were invited to present their research in one of the poster sessions. A total of 63 poster papers were eventually accepted for inclusion in the program of 4IMLB. The result was a program which was lively, enjoyable, and occasionally controversial.

On May 26, 1988 the Scientific Committee met to discuss the arrangements for future meetings. Following an invitation from Dr Dao-Zhi Bi of the Tianjin Institute of Power Sources, it was decided to hold 5IMLB in China in 1990. It was also agreed that the organization of future meetings would be greatly facilitated by the establishment of a separate program committee which would deal with matters related to the scientific program of future meetings. Drs P. Bro and J. Auborn agreed to act as chairman and co-chairman of this committee for the next two years. Dr Dao-Zhi Bi will act as chairman of the overall scientific committee for 5IMLB. A permanent organization, tentatively called the Lithium Battery Society, will be established in the near future to guide future organizational committees and to provide greater continuity in financial and other matters.

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