

Publisher's note

**Boron, Borides, and Related Compounds**  
Proceedings of the 14th International Symposium  
on Boron, Borides, and Related Compounds (ISBB'02)

The publisher regrets that several items were omitted from the special issue covering the ISBB'02 [Vol. 177 (2) (February 2004)]. The missing items, which are listed below, are included in this issue starting on page XXX.

In memoriam: 85th anniversary of Grigory Samsonov (1918–1975)

In memoriam: 90th anniversary of Ferdinand Tavazde (1912–1992)

In memoriam: Olga A. Golikova (1934–2002)

Acknowledgment

International Scientific Committee of ISBB (2002–2005)

For the reader's convenience, we are also reprinting the preface to the special issue below:

Preface

The 14th International Symposium on Boron, Boride, and Related Compounds (ISSB'02) was held at the Ioffe Physical-Technical Institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Saint Petersburg, Russia, 9–14 June 2002. The meeting was devoted to the latest progress made mainly in the chemistry of boron and related compounds. The continuing significance of this research field is illustrated by the broad range of topics covered by ISSB'02, e.g., new compounds, novel technological processes, phase diagrams, structures and compositions of refractory compounds, composites, cermets, alloys, glasses, characterization and properties of different compounds, superconducting  $\text{MgB}_2$  and related compounds, X-ray and neutron diffraction structure investigation, and so on. Many more papers at this symposium were devoted to the new compounds and even to new compound classes.

This symposium gathered 110 participants from 17 countries: Austria, Belarus, France, Georgia, Germany, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Pakistan, Russia, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, the United States of America, and Uzbekistan.

This special issue of the *Journal of Solid State Chemistry* contains a collection of 43 articles that cover all topics presented at ISSB'02. We thank all the reviewers for their careful reading and evaluating. Special thanks go to the editor and editorial staff of the *Journal of Solid State Chemistry* for the opportunity to publish the ISSB'02 proceedings in this issue.

The next symposium will be held at Hamburg University in Germany in 2005, with Professor Barbara Albert as the first chairwoman of this symposium series. We wish her good luck and hope that the continuation of this successful series of meetings will result in further progress of the science of boron, borides, and related compounds.

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