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PREFACE

On behalf of Marcel Dekker, owner and publisher, and the staff of the *Journal of Macromolecular Science—Chemistry*, I wish to take this opportunity to offer our congratulations to Professor Otto Vogl on the occasion of his being awarded the Herman F. Mark Medal of the Chemical Research Institute of Austria. Professor Vogl has been associated with this journal since its inception in 1966, first as a member of the Editorial Board and, more recently, as a member of the Senior Advisory Board. It is with great pleasure and satisfaction that my staff and I, with the cooperation of Professor Hinterhofer, the organizer of the Award Symposium, could arrange for the publication of this Special Issue in his honor.

I begin this Special Award Issue with a very brief biographical sketch of Otto Vogl's professional career. A much more personal accounting by his lifelong friend, Professor Karl Schlogl of Vienna, follows the Award announcement and photograph. The bulk of the issue consists of lectures presented at the Award Symposium by a multinational group of distinguished scientists in the polymer field who have been Professor Vogl's friends, associates, and colleagues for most of his professional life.

Biographical Sketch

Professor Vogl began his scientific career as an Instructor in Analytical Chemistry (1948–1955) at the University of Vienna where he also received his Doctorate (1950). When he first came to the United States, he held a position as Research Associate at the University of Michigan (1953–1955), which was followed by a similar position at Princeton University (1955–1956). In 1956 he joined Du Pont de Nemours & Company. From 1970 to 1983 he was a Professor in the Polymer Science and Engineering Department at the University of Massachusetts where he helped

build that department into a world-reknown organization. He is currently Professor Emeritus at the University of Massachusetts and the Herman F. Mark Professor of Polymer Science at the Polytechnic Institute of New York. Over the past twenty-two years he has held Guest Professorships in Japan, Sweden, the Federal Republic of Germany, the German Democratic Republic, and France, and he has also held the W. H. Rauscher Memorial Lectureship at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and the Mobay Lectureship at the University of Pittsburg.

Professor Otto Vogl is one of the most influential people in the field of polymer science. His major technical contributions, represented by over 350 papers and 40 United States and foreign patents, include polymerizable and polymeric spacers, physiologically active polymers, and helical and optically active polymers. He pioneered the use of spacers in functional polymers, and he holds the basic patent in stereospecific aldehyde polymerization. His other areas of interest include research in conducting polymers and structure/property relationships in polymers and polymer blends.

Professor Vogl is presently on the Editorial or Advisory Boards of 12 United States and foreign polymer journals, and he is the Editor of *Progress in Polymer Science* and the United States Editor of *Monatshefte fuer Chemie*. He is the co-founder of the Macromolecular Secretariate (served as General Secretary in 1976) and the Pacific Polymer Federation (served as President 1987-1990). He is past-Chairman of the National Research Council Committee on Macromolecular Chemistry (1977-1979) of the National Academy of Sciences, and he is a member of the Committee for National Needs in Polymer Science and Engineering (1980-1981). He is past-Chairman of the Division of Polymer Science and of the Connecticut Valley Section (1974) of the American Chemical Society. He is also a Foreign Member of the Academy of Sciences of the German Democratic Republic and Austria.

Otto Vogl has received many awards in recognition for his outstanding achievements in polymer science. For example, he holds an honorary degree from the University of Jena, G.D.R.; the Medal of the City of Jassy; the Gold Medal of the City of Vienna; the Medals of Texas A&M University and the University of Helsinki, Finland; the Gold Ring of the City of Traiskirchen, Austria; the Exner Medal of the Austrian Trade Association; and the Doebereiner Medal of the University of Jena. He has also been awarded the Humboldt Prize from the Federal Republic of Germany, a Senior Scientist Fellowship from the Japanese Society of Polymer Science, and a Fulbright Fellowship. He has received the

Distinguished Service Award from the Division of Polymer Science and most recently the Award in Applied Polymer Science from the Division of Polymeric Materials: Science and Engineering, both of the American Chemical Society.

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