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## PREFACE

The IX. International Herman F. Mark Symposium, "Progress in Polymer Chemistry," was held on Oct. 2 and 3, 1990, in Vienna, Austria. It honored Professor Takeo Saegusa, Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan, on the occasion of his receiving the Medal of the Austrian Research Institute for Chemistry and Physics, also called the Herman F. Mark Medal.

The Symposium was held in the Auditorium of the Federal Research Institute in the Arsenal Complex in Vienna and was organized by the Austrian Plastics Institute. This Symposium, which is held every year, has become the most important technical meeting of polymer science in Austria. It is attended by about 150 people from Austria and nearby countries. In the last 2 years the Symposium has achieved an international character, and internationally renowned scientists are now invited to present their most recent accomplishment. Most lectures are now presented in English.

This year's Symposium consisted of 14 invited lectures and a Panel Discussion. The speakers were: the Mark Medal recipient, Takeo Saegusa, Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan; Walter Heitz, University of Marburg, Marburg, Germany; Joseph C. Salamone, University of Lowell, Lowell, MA, U.S.A.; Russell A. Gaudiana, Polaroid Corporation, Cambridge, MA, U.S.A.; Karel Dusek, Institute of Macromolecular Chemistry, Prague, Czechoslovakia; Claus D. Eisenbach, University of Bayreuth, Bayreuth, Germany; Jan Bartus, Technical University, Bratislava, Czechoslovakia; Norio Kashiwa, Mitsui Petrochemical Industries, Ltd., Iwakuni, Japan; Pierre Sigwalt, University of Paris, Paris, France; Ferenc Tuedoes, University of Budapest, Budapest, Hungary; Elizabeth Klemm, University of Jena, Jena, Germany; Jan Roda, Institute of Chemical Technology, Prague, Czechoslovakia; and Hans Gruber, Technical University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria. J. Schurz, K. Lederer, E. Wogroly, and D. Loidl acted as session chairmen.

At the end of the Symposium a Panel Discussion was held, with Otto

Vogl, Herman F. Mark Professor of Polymer Science at the Polytechnic University, New York, as the leader of the Panel Discussion. Panelists were: Dieter Klemm, Director of the Institute of Organic and Macromolecular Chemistry, University of Jena, Jena, Germany; Norio Kashiwa, of Mitsui Petrochemical Company Ltd., Iwakuni, Japan; Herbert S. Eleuterio, Director of Research, Petrochemicals Department, E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Company, Wilmington, DE, U.S.A.; and K. Lederer, Professor at the Montan University in Leoben, Austria.

The Mark Medals were presented to Professor Takeo Saegusa and a.o. Professor Otto Hinterhofer in the Ministry of Science and Research by Federal Minister Erhard Busek.

We are pleased to be able to publish the papers of the Symposium, based on the invited lectures by T. Saegusa, R. Gaudiana, K. Dusek, N. Kashiwa, E. Klemm, J. C. Salamone, H. Elueuterio, J. Bartus, and H. Gruber, in the Marcel Dekker journal *Journal of Macromolecular Science—Chemistry*. The contributions of P. Sigwalt, T. Kelen, J. Roda, and C. D. Eisenbach have become available only in abstract form and are placed at the end of this special issue. This is the second time that the Mark Symposium is being published in the *Journal of Macromolecular Science—Chemistry* (the first time was in 1989, when Professor Otto Vogl was the Mark Medal recipient). We hope that the publication of the Herman F. Mark Symposium in the *Journal of Macromolecular Science—Chemistry* will continue to be an annual event.

It was an honor and a great pleasure for me to act as guest editor for this issue, which honors my friend Takeo Saegusa.

New York, October 1990

Otto Vogl, Guest Editor

Russell A. Gaudiana, Editor  
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