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PREFACE

The international conference on “Modification of Thermoplastic Polymers” was organized by the Polymer Institute of the Slovak Academy of Sciences together with the Slovak Chemical Society, June 14–18, 1993, in the House of Scientists of the Slovak Academy of Sciences in Stará Lesná, High Tatras, the National Park of Slovak Republic.

The conference was the 9th of the traditional conferences begun 25 years ago with the 1st Bratislava IUPAC Conference on Modified Polymers. The 9th conference was financially supported by European Research Office of US Army, London, UK; Ciba-Geigy AG, Basel, Switzerland; Eastman Chemical European, Middle East and Africa Ltd., Hague, The Netherlands; Neste Chemicals, Prague, Czech Republic; and Slovnaft, AS, Slovak Republic.

The 9th Bratislava conference on modified polymers was also stimulated by the 30th anniversary of the foundation of the Polymer Institute of the Slovak Academy of Sciences in 1963. On this occasion, Professors O. Vogl, M. Rätzsch, and F. Tüdös were awarded with Honorary Memberships in the Slovak Chemical Society. The awards were granted for extended support of the development of macromolecular science in the Slovak Academy of Sciences and in the Slovak Republic.

Thematically, the conference was directed to traditional, yet still fresh, problems of procedures of polymer modification, characteristics of the received products, and the topics of practical use of modified polymers. The scientific program consisted of 9 main lectures, 22 short lectures, and 66 posters; it involved 110 scientists from 16 European and North American countries.

The complete texts of the main lectures and several short lectures with thought-provoking ideas for further advances in the preparation and transformation procedures of macromolecular systems are presented in this volume. The entire scientific program received a good response from the participants, and we hope that publishing the main lectures will meet the interests of a wide circle of macromolecular scientists.

J. Pavlinec, Guest Editor



Attendees of the 9th International Bratislava Conference on Modified Polymers