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Editorial

Magnetic resonance spectroscopy has proved to be a powerful and versatile technique for the study of all liquid-crystalline phases. The technique is of particular importance because it can probe the behaviour of these complex molecular systems in great depth. For example, it is able to characterize the static and dynamic properties at both the microscopic and macroscopic levels. Indeed, N.M.R. investigations have advanced our understanding of liquid crystals and stimulated major developments in molecular theory for these systems.

We are delighted therefore that the proceedings of the Eighth Specialized Colloque Ampère are to be published as special issues of the journal. They will appear early in 1988 under the title: *Liquid Crystals and Liquid-Crystalline Polymers, as studied by magnetic resonance and related techniques*. The Colloque is to be held in Lisbon from 14 to 18 September of this year. It is being organized by Professor A. Farinha Martins and we are pleased to welcome him as our Guest Editor for the special issues of the journal. We are agreed that the contributions, including the invited lectures, published in these issues must satisfy the high standards set by the journal. In addition, we wish to make certain that the publication of papers submitted to the journal in the normal way is not impeded. To ensure that this does not occur, the number of pages published in 1988 will be increased and the journal will appear every month.

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