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PREFACE

The field of molecular and liquid crystals has undergone rapid expansion and diversification; as a result, regular research papers have become highly specialized. Moreover, the field has also attained a certain degree of maturity. Consequently, a need has been created for in-depth reviews dealing with specific topics that will give researchers, students and practitioners a balanced view of the important results in various areas of this wide field. It was decided, therefore, to inaugurate a series of special issues of *Molecular Crystals and Liquid Crystals* that would meet this need. The first of these was identified as part of the Supplement Series. The present issue, and all subsequent contributions, will be identified as a Special Topic. These Special Topics will appear on an irregular basis.

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