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## NEW SULFUR CHEMISTRY SYMPOSIUM. INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

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It is most appropriate to have a symposium on sulfur chemistry at a Southwest Regional Meeting. The Frasch sulfur process was first tried out and developed on the Gulf Coast. Organosulfur compounds are present in petroleum, which is produced in large amounts in this area, and also in the extensive lignite deposits in Texas. The chemistry of organosulfur compounds is important in many ways, for example: removal of organosulfur compounds from petroleum and lignite, pollution/environmental concerns, polymer chemistry, materials research, agriculture, medicinal uses, etc.

In the organization of the symposium, the plan was to build the program around a nucleus of some of the outstanding sulfur researchers and speakers in Texas and to supplement these with outstanding researchers and speakers from other areas. Since all of the speakers from Texas were in the organosulfur area and only a limited amount of time was allotted for the symposium, this area of new sulfur chemistry

has been emphasized and unfortunately the inorganic sulfur area has been neglected. However, we feel that we have largely succeeded in the objective stated above, within the time limitations encountered, of bringing together a sampling of some of the "new sulfur chemistry" research currently being conducted for a cross-fertilization of ideas.

We present here the symposium papers that were ready for publication in order to have these results available to readers as rapidly as possible. For the ones where authors were not able to have papers ready for publication, abstracts of the papers are published. In some cases the abstracts have been modified from those originally submitted where results and/or authors have changed from the original submission.

The Symposium chairman expresses appreciation to all of the speakers for their efforts and contributions in making the New Sulfur Chemistry Symposium possible.