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Editorial

Special edition of polymer containing collected papers from the symposium: 'Controlled Macromolecular Synthesis and Controlled Architectures—Supramolecular Polymer Assemblies' of the 40th International Symposium on Macromolecules, World Polymer Congress MACRO 2004, held in Paris, July 4–9, 2004

We are very pleased to present here a number of papers of the symposium devoted to the Controlled Macromolecular Synthesis and Controlled Architectures—Supramolecular Polymer Assemblies at the World Polymer Congress MACRO IUPAC 2004, held in Paris.

This symposium attracted a large number of distinguished scientists who are active in this area. The program consisted of five oral sessions (48 invited or contributed lectures) and a poster session with 150 posters. The present selection of articles gives an illustration of the vitality and breadth of the field. The covered topics extend from the control of the polymer chains at the molecular level, including the most recent developments in the controlled/living polymerization methods, to the elaboration of well-defined supramolecular assemblies.

We wish to thank all the authors who kindly accepted to contribute to this special issue of polymer with original and stimulating results and we also wish to express our gratitude to the editors of polymer for accepting these special contributions.

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