



ELOISA BIASOTTO MANO, born in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on October 24, 1924, received degrees from the University of Brazil in Industrial Chemistry (1947) and Chemical Engineering (1955). She continued her studies, specializing in polymer science with Professor Carl Marvel, at the University of Illinois, in the USA (1956), and with Professor J.C. Bevington, at the University of Birmingham, England (1964). A Doctor at the University of Brazil (1961), she became the Chair of Organic Chemistry in the School of Chemistry (1962). In 1968, from a government grant, she was able to establish the first polymer research group in Brazil, in the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, and this group was the nucleus of the later Institute of Macromolecules - IMA. The international profile of the research group was solidified by several scientific meetings organized by Professor Mano, such as the IUPAC International Symposium on Macromolecules (1974), and a series of six binational Polymer Seminars (SEMPOL) between 1978 and 1988. Today the Institute of Macromolecules is the only institute of its kind in Latin America, totally dedicated to the science and technology of polymers. Professor Mano has written eight books and more than 120 articles; she has also presented more than 200 papers in conferences. She is still an active researcher at IMA, where she supervises research in M.Sc. and Ph.D. degree programs. Her pleasant personality and her untiring energy have won her many friends and admirers within the national and international scientific community. On the occasion of her retirement, the university council of the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro changed the name of the institute to *Instituto de Macromoleculas Professora Eloisa Mano*.

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