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Preface

We were both pleased to attend the 8th International Conference on Calixarenes in Prague from 25th to 29th July 2005 (see: <http://uoch.vscht.cz/caliz/programme.html> for program details), which was organized by Prof. Ivan Stibor. The International Conference on Calixarenes runs every other year and has always been an excellent meeting from both a scientific and social perspective. Prague was no exception with an excellent line up of speakers from across the globe and Prof Stibor and his co-organisers are to be congratulated on a very stimulating week. Supramolecular Chemistry publishes a considerable numbers of papers each year on calixarene chemistry and we regard it was one of the roles of this journal to support the calixarene chemistry community. Consequently we were very pleased that our publishers agreed to co-sponsor the Prague meeting.

This issue was inspired by the conference, but is designed to highlight the full range of calixarene chemistry (synthesis, complexation studies,

thermodynamics and kinetics of guest binding, catalysis, spectroscopy, supramolecular assemblies, dendrimers, and heteroatom analogues), rather than provide a written record of the meeting. Indeed, a strong effort was made to solicit contributions from workers in the field who were not necessarily speakers at the meeting. In many respects, these contributors represent the future of the field. It is thus our hope and expectation that in reading these papers you will come away with an even greater sense of anticipation for the 2007 International Conference on Calixarenes. This meeting, which is being organized by Prof. Jeffery T. Davis of the University of Maryland, will provide another opportunity for an exchange of information within the calixarene and broader supramolecular communities. We look forward to meeting you there, if not before.

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