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Preface

This volume contains papers presented at the XIth International Symposium on Nuclear Quadrupole Resonance Spectroscopy, which was held at King's College London from July 15–19, 1991. The pattern of the meeting was very much in the tradition of recent Symposia in attempting to span the very wide variety of physical and chemical problems in which the measurement of nuclear quadrupole interactions in all states of matter provides important information. Recent developments in the techniques of high-resolution nuclear magnetic spectroscopy in solids led to one whole day being devoted to their presentation. At the same time, the more traditional methods were not neglected; studies by pure nuclear quadrupole resonance and relaxation still provided the majority of papers presented at the Symposium. Investigations of nuclear quadrupole interactions in high- T_c superconductors were also covered, as were microwave measurements of nuclear quadrupole interactions in the gas phase, and muon methods in solids. Among new techniques, experiments providing for the first time nuclear quadrupole resonance images of solids were discussed, as were two-dimensional Fourier methods. The papers which follow have been presented under the following headings:

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