

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

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The Symposium on Thermodynamics and Thermochemistry was held at Lund University, Sweden, July 18 to 23, 1963, under the sponsorship of the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry with the co-operation of the Swedish Government, the Swedish Society of Chemists and Swedish industries.

In hoping to promote a fruitful and stimulating exchange of information and ideas between fellow-scientists, the main emphasis was put on discussions preceded by plenary lectures in which the areas of interest were surveyed. Contributed papers were taken strictly as read. They were treated as privileged pre-publication information prepared solely for the Symposium and composed the basis for the panel discussions.

The Symposium consisted of seven half-day sessions on special topics and an eighth session with survey lectures given by Professor F. D. Rossini of University of Notre Dame and Dr H. A. Skinner of Manchester University.

The plenary lectures have been assembled in this volume together with a list of the titles of all original papers as well as the names and addresses of their authors. Occasionally, reference has been made in the lectures to specific contributions—in case the reader wants to get further information on particulars, he is recommended to write directly to the author(s).