

## FOREWORD

The symposium on University Chemical Education held near Rome at the Villa Falconieri was sponsored jointly by the Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche (CNR) Italy and The International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry. It represents a successful attempt to unite distinguished classroom and laboratory teachers with outstanding academic and industrial research men in a quest for better chemical education.

As participants we have learned that problems are many and varied throughout the world, yet creative, dedicated and professionally competent teachers are facing up to these problems in a variety of positive ways. No organizational plan, conference programme or book can make an uninterested teacher into a good one, but dedicated teachers, *with freedom to experiment*, have been most successful in surmounting some of the problems of antiquated and unsatisfactory systems. It is our hope that the information developed at Frascati and recorded here, will contribute in a positive way to a solution of the frustrating teaching problems of the academic and industrial communities.

As chemists of many nations we thank our gracious Italian hosts for their magnificent hospitality and excellent handling of the Conference.

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