

## PREFACE

The holding of the Tenth Symposium on Photochemistry under IUPAC sponsorship is truly an historical landmark for it is a witness to the fact that research in this area of chemistry is not only alive but growing. Many of the fledgeling research workers who attended the first symposium held in Strasbourg (July 1964) which was ably and expertly chaired by George S. Hammond, have now found their wings and are presenting plenary lectures at this and recent IUPAC photochemistry symposia. Despite the rising costs of conferences and travel the organisers are still able to attract colleagues from far flung parts of the globe to participate in the symposia. The calibre of these people and the quality of the meetings is such that the number of registered attendees remains very high. The success of this the Tenth meeting is a tribute to the untiring efforts and perspicacity of the Chairman (Dr. D.G. Whitten) and the support given by the local organiser (Dr. A. Braun) and members of the organizing committee. As can be seen from the printed lectures, photochemistry is as interdisciplinary as ever and attracts people from both academia and industry. In addition to these lectures, two other plenary lectures were also delivered (Dr. S. Farid of Eastman Kodak and Dr. G. Willson of IBM Research Laboratories) and a special by Dr. G.S. Hammond entitled "Where are the Horizons of Photochemistry Now?". It is hoped that all the contributions will have helped to inspire not only the younger up-and-coming research workers but also to keep the veterans on their toes so that the photochemistry described at the twentieth symposium will be as stimulating and exciting as those presented at the tenth.

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