

Foreword

The XI IUPAC Symposium on Photochemistry was held under the Chairmanship of Professor F. Wilkinson (Loughborough University of Technology, UK) at the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, Lisbon, Portugal during the period 27th July - August 1st 1985. This year's meeting, like its predecessors, had lectures presented by many eminent persons together with a sprinkling of younger people who are rapidly making a mark in the field of photochemistry. The Symposium was honoured by Professor Sir George Porter, a most highly respected veteran in the young field of mechanistic photochemistry, giving a lecture. During the period of assembling the manuscripts we were saddened to hear of the death of Madame Truong (Université de Paris Sud). Fortunately, she managed to produce her manuscript and as a tribute to her work and bravery during illness we are publishing her lecture.

This year has witnessed a change in style. This issue of Pure & Applied Chemistry contains not only the manuscripts of most of the plenary lectures but also those of the invited lectures. Unfortunately not all the lecturers were able to provide manuscripts within the time period to ensure rapid publication and as a consequence there is not a record of the lecture given by Professor J. Jortner (Tel Aviv University, Israel) and Professor A. Ledwith (Pilkington Brothers plc, UK).

As in previous years the lectures deal with the newer developments in photochemistry. These range from theoretical aspects to the industrial use of photochemical processes. The aim of the organising committee was to produce a high quality symposium and the recording of the lectures by the time honoured technique of lithography allows one to judge the extent to which the aim has been fulfilled.