

PREFACE

The 2nd International I.U.P.A.C. Symposium on Photochemistry was held from 16 to 22 July, 1967 in Enschede, the Netherlands. The subjects covered by the invited speakers are presented in this volume. In the three years which have passed since the first Symposium was held at Strasbourg, France, the field of photochemistry has not only continued its rapid growth but has also matured to the point that the mechanistic aspects of many of the processes are well understood. The purpose of this meeting was to bring together chemists interested in all aspects of photochemistry in order to stimulate a more general scientific approach to an understanding of the problems. May this publication be helpful to all scientists interested in photochemistry.

No meeting can be successfully held without the enthusiasm and indefatigability of many people. The executive committee was composed of Professor W. G. Dauben (Chairman), Professor E. Havinga, Dr M. E. Kronenberg (Secretary), Professor O. Jeger, Professor G. Quinkert and Professor J. N. Pitts, Jr. This committee wishes to express its appreciation to the Board and the Staff of the Technical University Twente at their campus at Drienerloo for all their cooperation and hospitality.

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Finally, it is to be realized that in the long run the success of a meeting depends on the scientific programme. The appreciation of all those who attended is extended to all the speakers.

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