

## Foreword

The experimental & Theoretical Aspects of Excited State Electron Transfer & Related Phenomena Conference in honour of Zbigniew Grabowski was held under the Chairman of Professor J. Waluk (Institute of Physical Chemistry, Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw) in Pułtusk, Poland during the period September 27-th - October 2nd 1992. This meeting had lectures presented by many eminent scientists among them this year's Nobel Prize Winner Professor R.A. Marcus. Before the meeting in May we were saddened to hear of the premature death of Professor G.L. Closs who earlier confirmed his participation as an invited speaker.

The unquestionable great contribution to the conference topic for many years was given by Professor Z.R. Grabowski and his coworkers. He initiated and put forward the idea of TICT states to explain the discovery of the dual fluorescence of some organic compounds in solution. Professor Grabowski inspired also many research workers from all over the world who followed his idea and performed numerous experiments and proposed theoretical concepts to support the TICT - model.

This issue of Pure & Applied Chemistry contains manuscripts of most of the plenary and invited lectures. The lectures deal with the further developments in experimental and theoretical aspects of photoinduced electron transfer, charge separation, proton and hydrogen transfer. Unfortunately, not all the lecturers were able to provide manuscripts within the time period to ensure rapid publications and as consequence there are no records of the lecturers given by Professors V. Bonačić-Koutecký, H. Haselbach, J. T. Hynes, R.A. Marcus, J. Michl, D. Oelkrug, C. Rullière and A. Weller.

The aim of the organising committee was to produce a high quality symposium and to record the lectures which certainly allow many photochemists and photophysicists to become acquainted with recent theoretical and experimental achievements in such a fascinating and prosperous field as conference topic.

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