

## Preface

The XII IUPAC Symposium on Photochemistry was held under the Chairmanship of Professor V Balzani (Dipartimento di Chimica, "G Ciamician", Università de Bologna) in Bologna, Italy, during the period 17-22 July 1988. Professor H Roth delivered a lecture to honour the historic work of G CIAMICIAN who was one of the founding fathers of photochemistry. As in previous years the symposium was able to attract many eminent photochemists some of whom gave plenary lectures. Opportunities were also provided for younger photochemists to present their work. In addition there was a very large poster presentation which meant that photochemists of whatever type, could find something of direct relevance to their own work.

As with the previous meeting we are publishing both Plenary and 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 lectures given by Professors M. S. Wrighton, A. H. Zewail and J. Lugtenburg.

As with previous symposia, this meeting not only provided a useful update but gave the opportunity for scientifically controversial issues to be discussed in an informal atmosphere and also no doubt sowed the needs for further stimulating research.

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