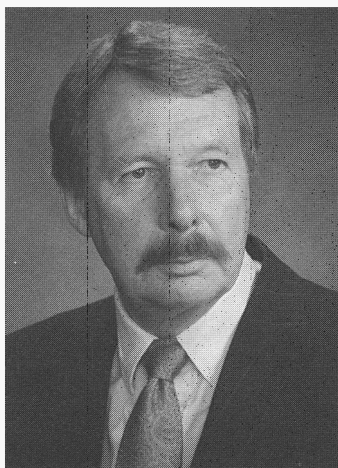


Preface : in memoriam J.K. Stille and P. Pino

The Fifth IUPAC Symposium on Organometallic Chemistry Directed Toward Organic Synthesis (OMCOS V), was held in Florence (Italy) from October 1 to October 6, 1989, with more than 700 participants in this scientific event. Plenary and invited lectures as well as oral and poster presentations were delivered during the Symposium by distinguished scientists from all over the world on the following topics.

Synthesis of molecules of biological interest via organometals
Metallo-enzymes as models in organic synthesis
Synthesis of fine chemicals via organometals
Selective processes mediated by organometals

During the Opening Ceremony, Prof. Piero Pino and Prof. John Stille, who recently passed away, were commemorated.



Prof. JOHN K. STILLE



Prof. PIERO PINO

Prof. John Stille, has been remembered as an eminent exponent in the field of organometallic chemistry and as the promoter of the "OMCOS" Symposia.

Prof. Piero Pino, who should have been a speaker at the Conference, has been remembered for his significant contributions to the stereocontrolled synthesis of polymers via organometallics.

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