

Preface

This volume contains lectures presented during the XXVII International Conference on Coordination Chemistry, which was held at Broadbeach, Australia 2-7 July 1989. With 600 registrants, this was one of the largest Inorganic Chemistry meetings ever held in Australia. As one of the series of ICCS conferences, the meeting was held under the auspices of IUPAC. The Inorganic Chemistry Division of the Royal Australian Chemical Institute also supported the conference, so that one of the Plenary lectures (by Professor M. I. Bruce) was the G. J. Burrows Memorial Lecture, which is presented at each of the regular conferences of that Division. This lecture is in memory of the contribution made by Burrows to the development of Coordination Chemistry in Australia. The Australian Academy of Science also gave its support to the conference.

The Permanent Secretary of ICCS since 1961 has been Professor Stanley Kirschner. Having indicated at the Porto meeting in 1988 that he wished to stand down after the Broadbeach meeting, he has now become Secretary-Emeritus, while professor Jan Reedijk has taken up the position now known as Executive Secretary. Those present at Broadbeach expressed their appreciation to Stanley for his long and distinguished service.

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