

Preface

The XIVth IUPAC Symposium on Photochemistry was held under the Chairmanship of Professor F C De Schryver (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven) in Leuven on 19th - 25th July 1992. This issue of Pure and Applied Chemistry contains the texts of plenary and invited lectures given at the Symposium and from these the reader can obtain some impression as to the scientific content of the meeting. However, the meeting was backed up by a goodly number of short lectures and posters. A wealth of new information was presented via these avenues and this gave attendees the chance of learning more about the work in their own areas of special interest, and opportunities to keep up with some of the exciting new developments. From the printed lectures one can see that photochemistry is alive and well and is contributing to the needs of mankind.

The various members of the International Committee played an important part in publicising the meeting, obtaining financial support and in encouraging younger workers to attend. It was the efforts of the National Organising Committee which brought the conference to fruition with all the amenities required by a modern well-attended congress. It is to these people and to Professor F C De Schryver who planned the imaginative programme and steered and held the committees together that we owe a deep debt of gratitude.

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