

Preface

This issue of *Pure and Applied Chemistry* contains the texts of twenty of the plenary lectures presented at the Seventh International Symposium on Novel Aromatic Compounds (ISNA-7) held at Victoria, British Columbia, Canada between July 19 and 24, 1992. Three other plenary lectures were presented (by Professors R. E. Smalley, Rice University, Houston, Texas, U.S.A. " C_{60} and The Emerging Carbon-Based Nanotechnology", H. A. Staab, Max-Planck-Institute, Heidelberg, Germany, "Porphyrin-Quinone Cyclophanes: Synthesis, Structures, and Electron Transfer", and F. Wudl, University of California, Santa Barbara, U.S.A., "Recent Advances in The Chemistry of Buckminsterfullerene"). In addition to the excellent plenary lectures there was a very full series of poster sessions (over 150 posters), abstracts of which may be obtained postage paid by sending \$8.00 to Dr. R. H. Mitchell, Chemistry, University of Victoria, P.O. Box 3055, Victoria, BC, Canada, V8W 3P6. ISNA-6 was held at Toyonaka, Osaka, Japan (August 20-25, 1989) and the plenary lectures are published in *Pure and Applied Chemistry*, 1990, **62**, Issue 3. ISNA-5 was held at St. Andrews, Scotland (July 15-19, 1985) and the plenary lectures are published in *Pure and Applied Chemistry*, 1986, **58**, Issue 1.

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