



TOP : **Left:** M.M. Sharma delivering the inaugural address, text on pp. 373-374
Right: I. Wadsö (Chairman, Programme Committee) explaining why the conference was organized in India

MIDDLE : Chairman J.C. Ahluwalia welcoming the participants. Seated from *L to R* : G. Somsen (IUPAC representative), I. Wadsö, M.M. Sharma, N.G. Nigam (Director, IIT, Delhi), D.V.S. Jain (Co-Chairman)

BOTTOM : **Left:** Conference participants; PAC Executive Editor, P.D. Gujral, seated left in the front row
Right: Angela Danil de Namor at display of IUPAC Publications with D.V.S. Jain and J.C. Ahluwalia

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Preface

The International Conference on Thermodynamics of Solutions and Biological Systems was held in New Delhi on January 3-6, 1993. The conference was jointly sponsored by IUPAC, Indian National Science Academy, New Delhi, Indian Institute of Technology, New Delhi and Panjab University, Chandigarh.

This was the first such conference held in India and provided an excellent opportunity for younger Indian scientists to interact with leading international scientists in their fields. The conference was attended by about 150 scientists from 20 countries. Unfortunately many scientists from erstwhile East European block of countries could not attend.

The scientific programme was drawn under the guidance of an international scientific programme advisory committee. This included invited and plenary lectures, oral presentations, and poster session. We are pleased to include most of the plenary and invited lectures in this issue of *PAC*.

At the valedictory session of the conference, the delegates were unanimous at the great success of the conference both from organizational point of view and scientific point of view. The following recommendations were made:

1. A similar conference should be organized in India after three years.
2. Ways and means should be found for collaboration between scientists of developed and developing countries.
3. Effort should be made for greater participation of the scientists from East European countries in the next conference.

Finally we are thankful to Prof. J.C. Ahluwalia and his team for making excellent arrangements. We are also thankful to the sponsoring organizations and other agencies for their generous financial support.

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