

Preface: XIVth FECHEM Conference on Organometallic Chemistry, 2–7 September, 2001, Gdańsk, Poland

The XIVth FECHEM Conference on Organometallic Chemistry was held 2–7 September, 2001 in Gdańsk, a beautiful Polish city, fascinating with its monuments and old buildings that have been brought back to life from ruins.

FECHEM Conferences on Organometallic Chemistry are biennial events organized by the Division of Organometallic Chemistry of the Federation of European Chemical Societies. In their 25-year-old tradition, these Conferences have become a very popular and important forum for European organometallic chemists to present and discuss the results of their studies, covering the whole scope of research in the field. The XIVth FECHEM Conference was devoted to both fundamental and applied aspects of organometallic chemistry and catalysis. It offered a good opportunity for academic as well as for industrial scientists to discuss problems of mutual interest. The Conference program consisted of 9 plenary and 7 invited lectures, 30 oral communications and 140 poster presentations.

The Editors of *Applied Organometallic Chemistry* have invited the authors to publish their papers, based on contributions to the XIVth FECHEM Conference on Organometallic Chemistry, in this special issue. The papers published here cover only a small part of the chemistry presented at the Conference, but they are highly significant contributions, showing the width of research in organometallic chemistry done in recent years. We believe that they will provide a useful and tangible record of the work discussed at this enjoyable and important meeting. Our thanks to the authors who submitted papers for this special issue and also to all who worked so hard to put the issue together.

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