

Preface

This special issue of Applied Organometallic Chemistry is designed to highlight the activities presented at the Eighth Symposium on Arsenic in Japan. The eighth Symposium organized by the Japanese Arsenic Scientists (**J Society (JASS)**) held on 20 and 21 November 1997 at Osaka City University Media Center, Osaka, Japan. The total number of participants at the symposium was about 200. The specialties of the participants were sufficiently comprehensive to have areas covered such as analytical chemistry, geology, food chemistry, fisheries, water resources, toxicology, oncology, epidemiology, and environmental policy. Forty five papers were presented including special lectures on environmental pollution

and regulation of arsenic in Japan by Mr. Shigeru Ado, the Environment Agency, Government of Japan, and the circumstances of the chronic arsenic poisoning in China by Professor Sun Gui Fan, China Medical College.

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