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This special issue of *Applied Organometallic Chemistry* comprises a series of papers based on work presented at the above meeting. In addition to poster and oral presentations of work, a number of invited special lectures were given. These were by Prof. X. Chris Le of the University of Alberta, Canada, Prof. H. Yasuda of the Tokyo University of Pharmacy and Life Science, Tokyo, Japan, Prof. P. J. Craig of De Montfort University, Leicester, UK, Prof. A. A. Benson of the Scripps Institute of Oceanography, California, USA, Dr A. Shraim of the National Institute of Environmental Studies, Japan, Dr K. A. Francesconi and Dr Walter Goessler of the Karl Franzens University, Graz, Austria, Prof. S. Okada of Shizuoka University, Japan, Prof. W. R. Cullen of the University of British Columbia, Canada, and Dr Fangshi Li of the Nanjing University of Technology, China.

A total of 63 lectures and posters were presented. The Symposium Chairman was Prof. S. A. Hasagawa, Pharmaceutical Science, Nihon University, and the Chairman of the Organizing Committee was Prof. T. Kaise of the Tokyo University of Pharmacy and Life Science.

As Editor-in-Chief of the Journal, I am delighted to thank the Society and Professors Hasagawa and Kaise for the opportunity to publish work based on topics covered at the meeting and also for the invitation which gave me an opportunity to be present personally at this important meeting. I am very happy to acknowledge the support and hospitality which made my stay in Japan so useful and enjoyable.

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