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Preface

Over the last 20 years in particular, X-ray methods have made an increasingly important contribution to our understanding of the structure of catalysts, and of the mechanisms of catalytic processes. The opportunity that X-ray methods provide for in situ studies continues to be especially significant. It therefore seemed to us that the 11th International Congress on Catalysis, to be held in Baltimore in July 1996, would provide an excellent opportunity to review progress to date and to examine opportunities for the future. We therefore convened the symposium of which this volume forms the Proceedings. The

meeting occupied the whole day of 29 June, and was attended by about 60 people. Fourteen papers were presented, of which 10 are published here.

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