

Introduction

Symposia devoted to recent advances in catalysis, no less than those concerned with other fast-moving subjects, will always be potentially attractive and worthwhile. But such is the rapidity of change these days that it becomes increasingly more difficult to participate in or even attend all those that are relevant to one's own selected subset of topics.

So-called "Symposia in Print" have, as a result, become increasingly popular in recent years, not least because of their conspicuous cost-effectiveness. We have been encouraged by the success of their general format and have consequently decided to adopt it as the swiftest means of bringing into focus the wide variety of catalysis-oriented research that is currently being pursued in the Indian sub-continent. Accordingly, in this issue and in a number of succeeding ones certain timely papers emanating from India are woven into our regular format. It is appropriate to recall that there has been a long history of catalysis research in India dating back to Acharya P.C. Ray and Sir J.C. Ghosh.

We feel confident that these volumes will be of great interest to our readers.

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