

Preface

This issue of *Coordination Chemistry Reviews* collects papers based on oral presentations delivered at the Thirteenth International Symposium on Photochemistry and Photophysics of Coordination Compounds (ISPPCC) which was held on the isle of Lipari in Sicily, Italy, from June 27 to July 2, 1999. Since its founding in 1974, the ISPPCC has met biennially (with one exception to the rule). In the last ten years, venues were in Fribourg, Switzerland (1991), Sendai, Japan (1993), Kraków, Poland (1995), and Colchester, Vermont, USA (1997). The proceedings of all these meetings have been published in *Coordination Chemistry Reviews*.

The past meetings hosted many scientific discussions that have been seminal for the development of novel perspectives and research fields, with large impact on the scientific community and on the society. They have seen pioneering lectures on various topics, both of fundamental and applied nature. We are proud to say that the Thirteenth ISPPCC continued the outstanding scientific level of the series, and showed that the photochemistry and photophysics of coordination compounds is nowadays also playing a relevant role for the development of many different areas of science.

The Thirteenth ISPPCC attracted 170 participants from 22 countries, from extreme North-West (Canada) to extreme South-East (New Zealand) and South (South Africa). The scientific program included 46 oral presentations and 101 poster contributions. The organizers would like to thank all the participants for having contributed to the success of this lively meeting and gratefully acknowledge financial support from the Università degli Studi di Messina, Istituto FRAE-CNR Bologna, Elsevier Science Publishers, Bracco S.p.a. Milano, Provincia di Messina, and Progetto Territorio S.r.l. Messina.

The next ISPPCC is scheduled for Summer 2001 in Veszprem, Hungary.

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