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Preface

The 38th ICCC took place in July 2008 in Jerusalem with ca. 150 lectures and ca. 600 participants. This issue of Coordination Chemistry Reviews contains 11 articles based on lectures at the conference and demonstrates the wide scope of the subjects covered: from classical coordination chemistry (new ligands, stabilization of transition metal cations with uncommon oxidation states) to bioinorganic chemistry, homogeneous and heterogeneous catalysis, theory (mainly DFT) and the modern tool box of the coordination chemist.

This issue and the conference prove that coordination chemistry developed into an interdisciplinary subject contributing to the development of science and industry solving environmental problems, developing new medicines and helping us to understand biological processes.

Finally this issue, as well as the conference, is dedicated to the late Professor Stanley Kirschner who can be considered as the father of the ICCC and who was a dear friend to so many of us.

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