

EDITORIAL

This double issue of *Dyes and Pigments* is devoted to papers presented at the international symposium 'Modern Developments in the Chemistry and Use of Coloured Compounds' held at the University of York, July 7–9th 1981. The symposium, organised by the Royal Society of Chemistry, Fine Chemicals and Medicinals Group, was exceptionally well supported and marked an important stage in developments in our subject. The Editorial Board is very appreciative of the opportunity to present these papers as well as for the excellent cooperation of both the organisers and the lecturers.

The symposium was concerned with five developing areas of interest:

- (1) the chemistry of new chromophores;
- (2) the reactivity of dyes;
- (3) colouring matters in new developing applications;
- (4) colour and chemical constitution;
- (5) genotoxicity.

The first four of these are well represented in this issue. The fifth is not as the lecturer, Dr Ashby, has prepared an extensive review of the topic which will appear in a later issue of the journal.

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