Preface I

The international conference POLYSOL-VAT-8 on Polymer-Solvent Complexes and Intercalates took place at the Institut Charles Sadron in Strasbourg (France) from July 5–8, 2010. Launched in 1996, this series of conferences is held every two years. So far this conference is one of its kind. As a result, the eighth edition was granted the IUPAC sponsorship. As customary, the formation mechanisms, the

morphology, the molecular structure, and the properties of compounds from synthetic polymers, biopolymers, proteins, supramolecular polymers, and systems formed at surfaces/interfaces were discussed. The 18 papers selected for this volume give a flavor of the topics discussed during this conference.

Jean-Michel Guenet