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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE 2ND INTERNATIONAL LIQUID CRYSTAL CONFERENCE HELD AT KENT STATE UNIVERSITY, AUGUST 12-16, 1968

The 2nd International Liquid Crystal Conference was held at Kent State University August 12–16, 1968. The papers published in this volume of *Molecular Crystals and Liquid Crystals*, and the preceding volume, include most of the papers which were presented at the Conference. After publication in this journal, the Proceedings of the Conference will be collected in two hard-bound volumes. Volume 1 will contain the Plenary and Conference lectures along with the reports of the panels on applications of liquid crystals and liquid crystals in living systems and on nomenclature in the field. Volume 2 will contain the contributed papers. The few papers presented but not included in the Proceedings are listed by title and author at the end of the collected papers in the second volume.

Seventy-four papers were presented, authored by scientists from eleven countries. Three of these were Plenary lectures, six were invited Conference lectures and the remainder were contributed papers. Six contributed papers were presented by title only and of these, four appear in the Proceedings. Two hundred and sixty persons registered for the Conference, representing thirteen countries.

The Conference was planned and directed by a Planning and Steering Committee. The personnel on the committee were E. J. Ambrose (England), I. Chistyakov (U.S.S.R.), R. D. Ennulat (U.S.A.), G. W. Gray (England), R. S. Porter (U.S.A.), A. Saupe (Germany), A. Skoulios (France), G. T. Stewart (U.S.A.), and Glenn H. Brown (U.S.A.), Chairman. William Bacon (U.S.A.) served as Assistant Chairman for the Conference.

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