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Introductory Remarks

The papers appearing in this and subsequent issues were presented at the Eighth International Liquid Crystal Conference held at the Kyoto International Conference Hall, Kyoto, Japan, June 30–July 4, 1980. At the meeting, the total number of presented papers was three hundred and eighty-seven, of which three hundred and seventy-one were listed and summarized in the Programme and Abstracts. The conference was attended by five hundred and sixty-two participants (184 from overseas and 378 domestic) representing twenty nine different countries. The programme included twenty-three invited lectures in addition to the contributed papers and the papers in the three symposia on Display Devices and Other Applications, Polymer Mesophases, and LC States of Amphiphiles. Posters were successfully presented in the various poster sessions.

The subject categories for presented papers included the following topics; the numbers of presented papers in each category are listed in parentheses, where Inv., O, and P stand for invited, oral, and poster presentations, respectively.

	Inv.	O	P
O: Opening Lectures	(2)
A: Mesomorphic States and Phase Transitions	(1,	13,	29)
B: Molecular Structure and Dynamics	(2,	4,	16)
C: Mechanical (Rheological) Properties and Defects	(1,	6,	12)
D: Electrical, Optical, and Other Properties of Liquid Crystals	(1,	10,	17)
E: Synthesis and Properties of New LC Materials	(2,	9,	18)
F: Polymer Mesophases (Symposium)	(2,	6,)
ditto (Poster)	(0,	0,	11)
G: Mesophases of Disk-like Molecules and Carbonaceous Materials	(3,	4,	7)
H: LC States of Amphiphiles; LC's in Biological Systems			
(Symposium)	(4,	9,	0)
ditto (Poster)	(0,	0,	19)
I: Displays and Other Applications (Symposium)	(3,	14,	0)
ditto (Oral)	(0,	13,	0)
ditto (Poster)	(0,	0,	33)

J: Interface and Anchoring	(1, 10, 7)
K: New Applications—Related Materials	(0, 0, 3)
L: Reliability, Standards, and Human Factors	(1, 5, 2)
M: Additional	(0, 1, 17)

The assignment of the papers to the various categories was based mainly on the author's preference. We wish to thank the authors and referees for making this publication possible, as well as the Planning and Steering Committee and the Local Organizing Committee for their assistance with the organization of the conference. Finally, special thanks are expressed to M. M. Labes, G. H. Brown, and G. W. Gray, editors of *Molecular Crystals and Liquid Crystals*, for coordinating the publication of these proceedings. Masatami Takeda, Chairman of the Organizing Committee
Shigeo Iwayanagi, Chairman of the Scientific Committee
Shunsuke Kobayashi, General Secretary of the Organizing Committee