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1988 marks the 100th anniversary of Reinitzer's discovery of liquid crystalline behavior. To take note of this event, we invited contributions from many well-known workers in the field of liquid crystals from which the articles in this issue resulted. Of course not all those invited were able to participate, and we make no claim of completeness in representing the current state-of-the-art. We do believe, however, that most of the major themes in liquid crystal research are represented in this volume. We asked people either to write from a historical perspective or to feature new themes which, in their opinion, will become important in the next few years. We also felt it important to include overviews of the electrooptic display work which has driven much of the increase in research interest over the last twenty years.

MCLC is proud to have been serving the field during the period of active growth from 1966 when the first international liquid crystal conference was organized by Glenn H. Brown and took place at Kent State University. Our growth has mirrored that of the field—we now publish 10 times as much material in a year than we did in our early years. As always, we welcome the comments and suggestions of our readers as to ways in which we can continue to serve in the future.

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