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INTRODUCTION

The Symposium on "Electronic Processes in the Organic Condensed Phase", in honor of Professor Martin Pope's 70th birthday, was held at the Andre and Bella Meyer Hall of Physics, at the Washington Square campus of New York University in New York City, on October 21-22, 1988. The scientific portions of this meeting were attended by more than sixty scientists from the U.S. and abroad, including many of Professor Pope's former students and colleagues. The symposium dinner was held at the Snow Room, Bobst Library, and was attended by over 160 scientists, friends, and their spouses. This event featured Dr. Albert Rose, formerly of the RCA Laboratories in Princeton, NJ, as the after-dinner speaker; this highly successful affair also included many testimonials to Professor Martin Pope's career from personal and scientific points of view. The Department of Energy, which has sponsored Martin Pope's scientific research for nearly thirty years, was represented by Robert W. Wood, Acting Associate Director for Health and Environmental Research, and Matesh N. Varma, Office of Health and Environmental Research. On behalf of the Department of Energy, Dr. Wood and Dr. Varma presented Martin Pope with a Certificate of Appreciation which read as follows:

"This award is presented to Professor Martin Pope in recognition of outstanding contributions to the Radiological and Chemical Physics Program over a period of more than two decades. In particular, for furthering the understanding of the fundamental electronic processes in organic materials in the condensed phase".

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This issue of *Molecular Crystals and Liquid Crystals* is devoted to the invited papers which were presented at this Symposium, or which were submitted to the guest-editors of this issue in honor of Professor Pope's 70th birthday. The initial two chapters are devoted to a biographical sketch of Martin Pope, and a summary of his scientific achievements and contributions, respectively. The contributions to this Symposium issue are arranged in alphabetical order (based on the names of the first authors), except for Dr. Rose's contribution which last, but not least, is a transcript of his lecture given at the Symposium banquet on October 22, 1988.

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