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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

As organizers of the Symposium on Chemical Aspects of High- T_c Superconductors, we are pleased to present here the proceedings of this Symposium and to thank all of the participants for their excellent contributions to its success. All participants, both invited speakers and those who submitted contributed papers, were encouraged to participate in the preparation of this volume. Not all chose to do so, however, but we thank those many who did sacrifice time from their research to prepare manuscripts.

Since the discovery in 1986 of high temperature superconductivity, there has appeared an overwhelming number of publications on the topic and almost a record number of topical conferences and symposia. We were initially concerned, therefore, that another symposium on the topic might be too burdensome, but nevertheless the present Symposium proved to be attractive to speakers, and the Symposium was very well attended. In any case, an International Chemical Congress would be incomplete without a symposium on one of the most remarkable of modern scientific achievements. We trust that this volume will be both a useful record of this Symposium and an important scientific contribution to the area of high temperature superconductivity.

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