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The ninth of a series of conferences on the organic solid state was held in July 1989 at Lago Como, Italy. The communications contained between these covers are the proceedings of the meeting. Aside from their intrinsic interest and importance, they are suggestive of the present state of development of this rapidly evolving field. A wide range of topics are covered, from the purely theoretical to the applied and practical. They imply a growing awareness of the relevance of organic solid state studies to other disciplines, ranging from electronic conduction, through reaction mechanism, polymers, surface science, biomedical and beyond. This is an indication of increasing recognition of this field as an increasingly important discipline, both in its own right and for the light it may be able to shed on problems in related fields. One purpose of these proceedings is to make available the latest results and thinking in organic solid state chemistry to those interested workers who were unable to attend the meeting. In addition, it is the hope, and indeed the belief, of the editors and the contributors that these proceedings will be able to demonstrate to those unfamiliar with the subject, its importance and relevance.

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