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PREFACE

This volume is the first part of the Proceedings of the 13th International Liquid Crystal Conference held at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada, 22–27 July 1990. Representing the liquid crystal community, 575 delegates from 36 countries participated. This Conference marked the 25th anniversary of the first ILC Conference, which was held in Kent, Ohio, in 1965 when 42 scientific papers were presented. At the 13th ILCC, 23 invited talks were given, 140 contributed papers were presented in three parallel oral sessions and 564 contributions were presented in poster sessions.

We were fortunate to have the University of British Columbia as the site of the Conference, with its excellent facilities and its setting of natural splendor. The Conference could not have been held without the generous financial support of the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC), many sponsors from industry, and Gordon and Breach Science Publishers. The Organizing Committee received much assistance from the Departments of Chemistry and Physics at the University of British Columbia and from the Liquid Crystal Institute at Kent State University.

Over 200 conference papers will be presented in full in *Molecular Crystals and Liquid Crystals*. We wish to express our appreciation to our colleagues who have submitted their work for inclusion in these proceedings, and our gratitude to those who contributed by refereeing the original manuscripts.

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