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## Foreword

This volume contains papers reporting results of investigations of liquid crystals which have been carried on in Polish laboratories during the last two years. The papers have been chosen among many lectures presented at the Xth School of Physics and Applications of Single Crystals and Liquid Crystals.

The Xth School was held in Zakopane in the Polish Tatra Mountains from 12–17 October 1992. The scope of the conference covered such areas as:

- chemistry of single crystals and liquid crystals,
- physics of single crystals and liquid crystals,
- applications of single crystals and liquid crystals.

The papers published in this volume concern chemistry, physical properties and technical applications of liquid crystals.

Publishing these papers in "Molecular Crystals and Liquid Crystals," I hope that readers will have an opportunity for better knowledge of our scientific circle and the state of liquid crystal investigations in Poland.

I hope that this presentation will mark the beginning of international scientific cooperation among different research groups.

Jozef Zmija

When I was invited to take part in the School in Zakopane I thought it could be a good idea to collect selected papers presented there and, after a standard review procedure, publish them in a special issue of MCLC. I think that this publication can make an important contribution in spreading the knowledge of the state-of-the-art research in Poland, where scientists, until a few years ago, didn't have many opportunities to present their results abroad. We have included as a "preface" to this issue the introductory talk by Prof. J. Janik.

Francesco Simoni