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FOREWORD of the President of SICL

The “Società Italiana dei Cristalli Liquidi” (SICL) was formally established in February 1994 and is an affiliate of the International Liquid Crystal Society. It is a natural evolution of the well-known Italian Group of Liquid Crystals (GNCL), an informal association that arose spontaneously among the Italian scientists and engineers active in the area of liquid crystals and polymer liquid crystals in the 1970s. The aim of the society is to encourage communication and cooperation among the several groups working in this area, to aid in creating interdisciplinary projects involving physicists, chemists and scientists working on applications. Moreover, the society was created to improve the relationship between the scientists and industry interested in the production of devices based on the properties of this material.

The merging of GNCL into the legally recognized society was approved at the GNCL annual meeting held at Monteconero (Ancona) in June 1993, where it was also decided to have the first meeting of the society in Amalfi in 1994. This meeting turned out to be very promising, and a milestone for the SICL. The success of the meeting was due to the masterful organizational efforts of the researchers of the University of Naples. All the participants at the meeting gratefully recognize those efforts.

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