



## Molecular Crystals and Liquid Crystals Science and Technology. Section A. Molecular Crystals and Liquid Crystals

Publication details, including instructions for authors and  
subscription information:

<http://www.tandfonline.com/loi/gmcl19>

### Foreword

Cesare Chiccoli , Paolo Pasini & Claudio Zannoni

Version of record first published: 24 Sep 2006.

To cite this article: Cesare Chiccoli , Paolo Pasini & Claudio Zannoni (1996): Foreword, Molecular Crystals and Liquid Crystals Science and Technology. Section A. Molecular Crystals and Liquid Crystals, 290:1, v-vi

To link to this article: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/10587259608031885>

PLEASE SCROLL DOWN FOR ARTICLE

Full terms and conditions of use: <http://www.tandfonline.com/page/terms-and-conditions>

This article may be used for research, teaching, and private study purposes. Any substantial or systematic reproduction, redistribution, reselling, loan, sub-licensing, systematic supply, or distribution in any form to anyone is expressly forbidden.

The publisher does not give any warranty express or implied or make any representation that the contents will be complete or accurate or up to date. The accuracy of any instructions, formulae, and drug doses should be independently verified with primary sources. The publisher shall not be liable for any loss, actions, claims, proceedings, demand, or costs or damages whatsoever or howsoever caused arising directly or indirectly in connection with or arising out of the use of this material.

## FOREWORD

This volume presents the Proceedings of the 2nd Italian Liquid Crystal Society (SICL) Meeting, held in Ravenna from 30 May – 1 June 1996.

As can be seen from the papers many aspects of liquid crystals are touched upon, ranging from chemistry and physics to technology. This interdisciplinary nature of the field was one of the motivations that prompted the formation of the Italian Liquid Crystal Group (GNCL) ten years ago and its formalization as SICL, affiliated with the International Liquid Crystal Society, (ILCS) in 1994. SICL has now about 200 members from more than 30 university laboratories, research centers and industries in Italy and its current President is Prof. E. Chiellini (Pisa). A more complete description of the structure of SICL and of the activity of the Italian groups is available from the SICL homepage (<http://bohp03.bo.infn.it/sicl/>).

The SICL national meetings are scheduled to be held every two years, with the aim of providing a survey of the recent developments in the field, exchanging ideas and fostering collaboration between researchers working in the different areas as well as providing a forum where young researchers can present their work.

The 1996 conference, attended by about one hundred people, was held at Marina di Ravenna, a small seaside resort village near Ravenna, an ancient city famous around the world for its churches and its Byzantine mosaics. The working schedule included 3 plenary lectures, 22 oral contributions and 46 poster communications and covered a large part of the research activity currently performed in Italy. Some of the original contributions discussed in Ravenna were submitted for these Proceedings and the papers that appear here were refereed according to the standard procedure of this Journal.

The success of the meeting was only possible thanks to the help of many people. We would like to mention particularly Prof. A. Forino and Prof. P. Giusti (University of Bologna and INFN) for their support, our collaborators: A. Arcioni, C. Bacchiocchi, R. Berardi, A. Emerson, C. Fava, M. Fehervari, S. Guzzetti, S. Orlandi, F. Semeria for the enthusiasm and dedication they put in all the practical arrangements and Prof. O. D. Lavrentovich (Kent) for the polarizing microscope picture that enlivened the conference poster.

Last but not least, the conference and the participation of many young researchers and students was only possible because of the essential support of the sponsors listed below that we warmly acknowledge.

*Dipartimento di Fisica, Università di Bologna*  
*Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare, Sezione di Bologna*  
*Dipartimento di Chimica Organica "A. Mangini", Università di Bologna*  
*ENEA, Ente per le Nuove Tecnologie, l'Energia e l'Ambiente*  
*INCM, Consorzio Interuniversitario per la Chimica dei Materiali*  
*BANEC, Banca dell'Economia Cooperativa S.p.A.*  
*Gordon and Breach Publishers*  
*TecDis S.p.A.*  
*LCI publishers GmbH*  
*Perkin Elmer Italia*  
*Assing S.p.A.*  
*Technobiochip, Società di Ricerca Industriale Avanzata*  
*Gruppo Vini Cevico*  
*CEIR s.c.a.r.l.*

October 1996

Cesare Chiccoli  
 Paolo Pasini  
 Claudio Zannoni

*Guest Editors*