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GUEST EDITOR'S FOREWORD

This issue provides a record of the 9th International Symposium on Intercalation Compounds (ISIC 9), which took place 25–29 May 1997 in Abcachon, France. As was true for previous ISIC meetings, the aim of ISIC 9 was to provide an international forum for the exchange of information and ideas on intercalation in materials such as graphite, chalcogenides, oxides, clays, fullerenes, etc. The large number of participants (240 persons from 22 countries) proved that the field is still active and vivid. More than 200 papers (oral and poster contributions) were presented at ISIC 9. Compared to previous ISIC meetings, one can notice the increasing number of papers devoted to oxides and electrode materials, especially for lithium batteries.

This issue contains 128 refereed papers. The contributions deal with a variety of topics, such as the synthesis and physical chemistry of graphite intercalation compounds, new forms of carbon (fullerenes, nanotubes, carbolites), intercalation chemistry and physics in oxides, chalcogenides and clays, application to batteries.

We are thankful to the participants and session chairmen for making the meeting stimulating. The competence of the referees who reviewed all the manuscripts is also much appreciated. The success of the symposium was due in large part to the excellent work by people from our teams at CRPP and ICMCB. Financial support from CNRS, CNES, Conseil Régional d'Aquitaine, DRET, GFEC, SAFT, AAR, Pôle Aquitain «Véhicule Électrique», SIEMENS, and Université Bordeaux I is gratefully acknowledged.

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