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## **FOREWORD**

The Third Meeting of the Italian Liquid Crystals Society (SICL) was held from May 28th to 30th at Hotel La Torre in Mondello, a beautiful town on the sea near Palermo, the main city of Sicily.

About one hundred people participated in the meeting, which was organized in invited lectures and poster sessions, with the aim of presenting the wide spectrum of activities carried on in this field in Italy, from the synthesis of new low mass and polymeric liquid crystals to the study of both structural and macroscopic properties of these materials. The aim of these proceedings is to provide a sample of the research presented on the chemistry and physics of liquid crystalline materials. The papers presented at this meeting were refereed according to the standard procedure for this journal.

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