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GUEST EDITOR'S FOREWORD

This issue provides the Proceedings of the 10th International Symposium on Intercalation Compounds (ISIC 10), which was held at Okazaki Conference Center, Okazaki, Japan, May 30 – June 3, 1999, and organized by the chairman, Professor T. Enoki, Tokyo Institute of Technology.

We had a large number of participants (252 persons from 17 countries) and 290 papers were presented in oral and poster contributions. This issue contains 227 refereed papers. Although the early ISIC meetings were focused exclusively on GIC (graphite intercalation compounds), in the recent meetings the interests of participants have been much broad, especially since ISIC 9 at Arcachon, France. A variety of topics in relation with physics and chemistry on all kinds of intercalation phenomena and layer structured compounds have been discussed. The topics covered in ISIC 10 were graphite intercalation compounds, fullerenes and nanotubes, chalcogenides, clays and zeolites, oxides and batteries. In addition, a number of new layer structured compounds and intercalation compounds were presented. Chemists and physicists were mixed together and made stimulating discussion on these topics. The invited and keynote speakers gave comprehensive and interesting reviews on their special fields. Their contributions are also included in this proceedings. We would like to express our thanks to all of the participants and session chairpersons for the successful symposium. We are also thankful to many referees during and after the symposium, who carefully reviewed the manuscripts and gave suitable comments to make this proceedings more valuable and useful.

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