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PREFACE

Proceedings of the ILCC2000.

The 18th International Liquid Crystal Conference, ILCC2000, was held in Sendai, Japan, from July 24th through 28th, 2000. Some 900 scientists and engineers active in the fields related to liquid crystals gathered from over 40 countries and celebrated the next millennium of liquid crystal science and technology. Over 900 papers were presented during the conference, reporting state-of-the-art developments and novel findings in a wide area of research ranging from synthetic chemistry and condensed matter physics, to the novel device applications including, not to mention, the liquid crystal displays. The indigenous interdisciplinary nature of the liquid crystal research is alive and well. The success of the ILCC2000 is an unmistakable proof of this fact and is believed to be a firm step toward a more flourishing evolution of the liquid crystal field in the 21st century.

Included in the five-volume Proceedings of the ILCC2000 are selected papers from the papers presented at the conference. The papers were peer-reviewed to maintain the scientific standard of the Proceedings. As the Guest Editors for the Proceedings, we are pleased to see the Proceedings in print and we would like to express our sincere appreciation to Gordon & Breach for their generous support of the ILCC2000.

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