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Foreword

This volume presents the Proceedings of the second Japanese-Italian workshop on Liquid Crystals held in Tsu from 5 to 8 September, 2004.

The first Italian-Japanese workshop held in 2002 at Erice was organised by Italian Liquid Crystal Society and Japanese Liquid Crystal Society with the aim of bringing members of the liquid crystal communities of Italy and Japan together for a presentation and discussion of latest results in the research efforts carried out by these two communities.

In view of success of the first workshop, the second workshop was organised in the sponsorship of the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science under the auspices of the Japanese Liquid Crystal Society, the Italian Liquid Crystal Society and Mie Prefecture. It is hoped that the presentations and discussion in the meeting will facilitate exchange and cooperation between Japan and Italy in the more innovative areas of liquid crystal science and technology. We had an attendance of 72 scientists, 16 of them coming from Italy and 4 from Korea and one from China. The program included 28 invited talks and 32 poster presentations. The original contributions were submitted for the Proceedings and refereed according to the standard procedure of this Journal.

The meeting was organised successfully, which was owing to the help of many people. Especially we would like to thank Dr. M. Torikai for his elaborate secretarial work. Our gratitude is due to many reviewers of the papers submitted for the volume. We acknowledge to Embassy of Italy, S & T office for a partial support of traveling expenses from Italy, and to Mie Prefecture for the supply of meeting hall.

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