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The 17th edition of the International Conference on the Chemistry of the Organic Solid State (ICCOSS, XVII) took place at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), on July 24–29, 2005. The conference program benefited greatly from the input of my co-organizers here at UCLA, Profs. Fred Wudl and Fraser Stoddart, who helped identify a group of outstanding speakers. The local arrangements and all the events surrounding the conference were organized and smoothly run by Stephanie Gould, Luis M. Campos, Jose E. Nuñez and Steve D. Karlen, to whom I am very grateful.

ICCOSS XVII brought together a multidisciplinary and international group of about 120 chemists, materials scientists, and physicists with interest in various aspects of the organic solid state. Conference topics included reactions in crystals, crystallization phenomena, crystal modeling, crystal engineering, metal organic frameworks, and polymorphism and phase transitions. Some emerging applications of the organic solid state, such as functional crystals, crystal dynamics and molecular nanomachines were covered along with some of the more classic topics such as pharmaceutical solids and topochemical reactions. As one of the highlights of ICCOSS XVII, a session was dedicated to Profs. J. Michael McBride and John R. Scheffer, two of the most influential contributors of modern solid state organic chemistry who were celebrating their 65th birthday. While not all conference participants contributed articles for this conference proceedings, contained in this volume is an excellent representation of the many posters and oral presentations contributions.

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