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Preface

The 22nd International Liquid Crystal Conference (ILCC 2008), a biennial event under the auspices of the International Liquid Crystal Society, was held in Jeju, Korea from June 29th to July 4th, 2008. A new record number of 870 participants from 41 countries around the world attended and more than 1,000 presentations on a variety of aspects of liquid crystals and soft matters were given in ILCC 2008. The conference reflected the exuberance and vitality of the liquid crystal field aimed at a theme on "Molecular Engines of Creation" to open a new arena for liquid crystals and related fields including nano- and bio-sciences.

The Liquid Crystal Division of the Korean Information Display Society organized ILCC 2008 through the dedicated work of the organizing committee, especially, J.-H. Kim, G.-D. Lee, H. Choi, S.-T. Shin, and S.-D. Lee. They sincerely thank the International Advisory Board and the Scientific Committee for their invaluable effort made in the preparation of the conference program. Finally, as Guest Editors, we would like to thank all the authors who submitted their conference presentations for publication in these proceedings, which include around 200 papers that were subjected to the normal processes of scientific peer review. We owe special thanks to all the colleagues who served as referees.

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