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The present issue of *Molecular Crystals and Liquid Crystals* is devoted to the proceedings of two joint meetings organized by the Italian Liquid Crystal Society (SICL) and held at Biblioteca Classense in Ravenna (Italy) from July 7 to July 10, 2014. The first meeting was the seventh Italian-Japanese Workshop on Liquid Crystals which continues the tradition of this biennial joint event held alternatively in Italy and Japan. The series started in 2002 in Erice (Italy) and continued in Tsu (Japan, 2004), Castiglione (2006), Nara (2008), Cetraro (2010) and Tokyo (2012). The purpose of these bilateral workshops, organised by the SICL and by the Japanese Liquid Crystal Society (JLCS) is to bring together members of the Italian and Japanese liquid crystal communities in order to present and discuss recent results in the research carried out in the two countries. The format of the workshop was based on a number of keynote talks of leading Italian and Japanese scientists and all the participants had the opportunity to present their latest works as posters. The second meeting was the 10th biennial meeting of SICL which is the traditional site for presentation of the wide spectrum of scientific activities in the field of liquid crystals in Italy. As usual it gathers about 80 chemists, physicists and engineers working in this field, providing a forum for young scientists who are encouraged to present their work and interact with selected experts in the field. Some of the original contributions presented at the meetings were submitted for the Proceedings and refereed according to the standard procedure of this Journal. The successful organization of the meetings was only possible thanks to the help of many people. We would like to mention in particular the director of Istituzione Biblioteca Classense, Dr. Claudia Giuliani, and the Deputy Mayor of Ravenna, Dr. Gianantonio Mingozi, for their effort in supporting the initiative.

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