



## Foreword

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We would firstly like to thank Taylor & Francis Ltd. for allowing us this special issue for the publication of research presented in the 13th European Conference on Liquid Crystals (ECLC), held in Manchester, UK from 7–11 September, 2015.<sup>1</sup>

This conference attracted 210 participants from around the world, both academics and industrialists. The presentations were of the highest standard, covering all aspects of liquid crystal science and engineering. We had talks on novel liquid crystalline phases, new materials, biological liquid crystals, colloidal systems, active liquid crystals, technological applications, advances in theory and modeling and many more topics besides. The sheer breadth of current liquid crystalline research is quite remarkable.

We were also pleased to put on an outreach event, aimed at the general public, with exhibits and hands-on experiments. This was followed by a public lecture, again with demonstrations, given by Professor John Goodby and Dr. Stephen Cowling. A further session, by Professor Mojca Čepič, on communicating science to the public was also part of the conference program.

Finally we would like to thank those who contributed to this issue and to extend our very best wishes to Professor Khokhlov, Professor Emelyanenko and their team in the Lomonosov Moscow State University, who will be hosting ECLC 2017.

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