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## GUEST EDITORIAL

This issue of *Molecular Simulation* contains invited and selected papers presented at the International Symposium on Molecular Simulation, held at Fukui Prefectural University, Fukui Japan, from November 23 to 25, 1994. The ISMS is a continuation of the symposia which we have hitherto in Kyoto (1987, 1989, 1990, 1992), Tokyo (1988, 1991) and Kanazawa (1992) and therefore corresponds to the 8th. The ISMS held in Fukui was organized by Professor Akira Veda (Fukui Prefectural University) with the financial support from the Fukui Prefecture Universities Research Foundation for the Promotion of the Sciences. Six overseas guest speakers were invited from Asia, Europe and U.S.A.. About 170 scientists participated from universities and companies and 83 papers were presented. Problems discussed are those from physical, chemical and biological sciences.

Professor K. Nakanishi, one of the editorial board members of the journal, and Veda were responsible for the editing of the proceedings. In this issue we have collected 30 papers.

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