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This issue of *Molecular Simulation* contains invited and selected papers presented at the Joint Meeting: International Conference on Molecular Simulation (ICMS) and Computational Science Workshop 2004 (CSW2004), held at Epochal Tsukuba, Tsukuba, Japan, January 13–15th, 2004. This conference is an international version of the annual meeting of Molecular Simulation Society of Japan and the second one held as an international meeting. The first international meeting was held at Fukui in 1994 and papers presented at that meeting were reported as a special issue of *Molecular Simulation*, Vol. 16 (1996). The ICMS-CSW2004 meeting was organized with the collaboration of the Molecular

Simulation Society of Japan and the Computational Science division of the National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (AIST). About 200 scientists from 14 countries participated, and in total, 144 papers were presented (2 plenary talks, 7 invited talks, 37 oral presentations and 98 poster presentations) in this meeting. Professor S. Nosé, a member of the journal's editorial board was responsible for editing the proceedings. We would like to thank all those who have made the conference possible, especially to the Secretary of the meeting, Dr Masuhiro Mikami (AIST). We are also grateful for co-operation of the authors, referees, and of Professor N. Quirke, Editor-in-chief.