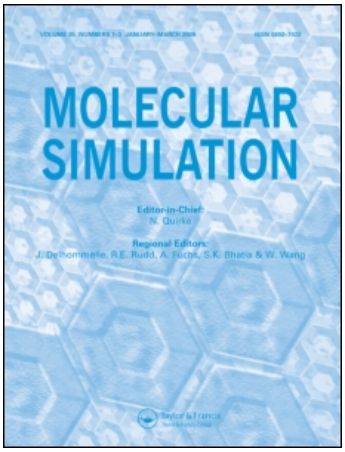

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GUEST EDITORIAL

This issue contains a selection of papers presented at the 1991 annual conference of the U.K.'s Science and Engineering Research Council's Collaborative Computational Project Number 5, held at the University of Glasgow from July 9th–11th.

The theme of the meeting was intentionally broad – "Modelling Solids and their Surfaces". The papers in this volume and the talks not formally represented here addressed a wide range both of methodology and of systems studied. The increasing complexity of the systems now under investigation was particularly noteworthy. As has been seen previously in the pages of Molecular Simulation, the emphasis in this area is moving towards direct practical applications of computer modelling and simulation – the study of realistic as opposed to idealised model systems. It was particularly encouraging to see the increasing rôle played by *ab initio* methods.

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