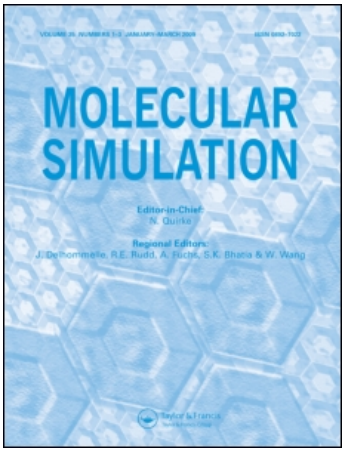

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GUEST EDITORIAL

This issue of *Molecular Simulation* contains selected papers presented at the sixth Annual Symposium on Molecular Simulation, held at Kanazawa University, Kanazawa, Japan, from December 9 to 11, 1992. The purpose of this series of Symposia is to offer a forum for computational chemistry and physics in which interdisciplinary discussions are strongly encouraged and contributed papers from chemistry, physics, biological science and earth science are discussed. The first symposium of this series was held in Kyoto (1987) and organized by Prof. Koichiro Nakanishi (Kyoto University) and Dr. Hideki Tanaka (Kyoto University), in which 20 papers were presented. The subsequent meetings were held in Tokyo (1988), Kyoto (1989), Kyoto (1990) and Tokyo (1991). The present (sixth) symposium was held in Kanazawa and organized by Prof. Yasuaki Hiwatari (Kanazawa University). About 150 scientists participated from universities and companies and 76 papers were presented at the symposium. These numbers have greatly increased compared with those of the last meeting, which obviously indicates a rapidly increasing interest in computational chemistry and physics, not only for scientists in academic institutions, but also those in industry.

Prof. K. Nakanishi, one of the editorial board member of the journal, and I were responsible for the editing of these proceedings. In this issue we have collected 27 papers.

We would like to thank all those who have made the symposium possible: All members of the Computational Physics Group of Kanazawa University, who kindly and most effectively ran the organization before, during and even after the actual symposium period, are gratefully acknowledged. We are also grateful for the efficient co-operation of the authors, Prof. N. Quirke, editor-in-chief and the publishers; all of whom helped to ensure this publication has appeared in a timely fashion.

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