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GUEST EDITORIAL

The aim of CCP5 is to foster and promote collaborative research on the simulation of condensed matter in the U.K. An important part of its activities is the organisation of an Annual Meeting on a chosen theme. The 1993 meeting was held on 15–17th September at Keele University, and the chosen theme was 'Large-scale molecular simulation'. The CCP5 committee considered this a particularly timely theme, because of the rapid advances now being made in high-performance computing and the major impact these advances are making on the whole simulation enterprise. The committee's judgement was fully justified by the large number of enthusiastic participants both from the U.K. and from other countries who attended the meeting. Over the three-day period of the conference, 19 oral presentations and 24 posters were given.

All authors were invited to write up their presentations for publication in the present conference proceedings, and the 10 papers that follow were the result of this initiation. This Monte Carlo sample from the conference gives a snapshot of the wide range of techniques currently being used in condensed matter simulation, and the large variety of problems that are being addressed.

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