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PREFACE

The "16th International Symposium on the Organic Chemistry of Sulfur" was one of the outstanding scientific and social events celebrating the 300th anniversary of Halle university. It was organized by the Institute of Organic Chemistry of the Martin-Luther-University Halle-Wittenberg and the Gesellschaft Deutscher Chemiker, Frankfurt. Following the Symposium took place in Merseburg from July 10th to 15th 1994 Caen (France 1992), Łódź (Poland 1990), Odense (Denmark 1988), Nijmegen (The Netherlands 1986), Lindau (Germany 1984), Bangor (United Kingdom 1982), Riga (Latvia 1980), Portoroz (Yugoslavia 1978), Hamburg (Germany 1976), Bangor (United Kingdom 1974), Lund (Sweden 1972), Venice (Italy 1970), Caen (France 1968), Groningen (The Netherlands 1966), and Liblice (Czechoslovakia 1964).

Merseburg is located in Sachsen-Anhalt which is one of the "New Länder" in Germany. This venue gave the organizers the chance to demonstrate the unique political and social changes occurring in the eastern part of Germany to the 420 scientists from 36 countries by giving an insight into the problems of a centre of chemical industry in Germany and its progress, and the rich historical and cultural traditions of the region of Halle-Merseburg.

In this book the full text of 17 plenary and invited lectures, the two-page synopsis of 94 contributed papers and the names of the authors of 167 posters are summarized.

The topics of the Symposium were presented in the following five sections:

1. Synthesis of organic sulfur compounds and organosulfur mediated synthesis.
2. Theoretical, spectroscopic, mechanistic, and stereochemical aspects of the organic chemistry of sulfur.
3. Heterocyclic sulfur compounds.
4. Bioorganic chemistry of sulfur.
5. Advanced materials on the base of sulfur organic compounds.

According to these topics the plenary and invited lectures include a wide field of the organic sulfur chemistry reaching from the classical synthesis of sulfur-heterocycles and sulfur compounds up to the molecular states of organic compounds, enzymatic and heterogeneous catalytic oxidation processes, reactive intermediates as well as to the significance of the sulfur chemistry for advanced materials and for the enantioselective synthesis of natural products.

We think that the results of the Symposium presented in this book will may stimulate new research projects and the world wide communication between chemists interested in organic sulfur chemistry.

The organizers would like to express their gratitude to the sponsors who enabled by their generous support the attendance of active scientific contributions of a large number of scientists from Middle and East Europe as well as from Developing Countries.

The increasing internationality of ISOCS is also reflected by the decision of the International Committee that ISOCS 17th will take place at the University of Tsukuba, Japan, in 1996.

The Organizing Committee of ISOCS 16th would also like to express their thanks to the authors of the papers for their cooperation in preparing the manuscripts and to all those who contributed to the success of the meeting: the lecturers, the scientists who presented posters, the chairpersons, the members of the International Committee and of the National Advisory Committee and to all who were engaged in the organization of the Symposium.

Last but not least many thanks to Gordon and Breach Science Publishers for making it possible to publish the Symposium Proceedings in "Phosphorus, Sulfur, and Silicon, and the Related Elements".

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