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## ■ Foreword

The 17th International Conference on Phosphorus Chemistry (ICPC) was held in the beautiful island city of Xiamen located on the southeast coast of Fujian Province, China (April 15–21, 2007). The Chairperson was Prof. Yufen Zhao. Two Honorary Chairpersons, Prof. Chengye Yuan and Prof. Ruyu Chen supported her.

The ICPC 2007 program was directed to phosphorus chemistry in life sciences and material sciences. The conference was constructed around eight symposia that were concerned with a broad range of topics. These included organic and inorganic phosphorus chemistry, coordination chemistry, biological aspects, theoretical chemistry, medicinal chemistry, and phosphorus chemistry in industry, material science and agriculture. There was a special session dedicated to the late Professor L. Horner.

The International Conference on Phosphorus Chemistry was first held in Heidelberg by Professor G. Wittig in 1964. Subsequent conferences were held in Schloss Elmau, Prague (twice), Gdansk, Paris, and Halle, and for the most recent 20 years in Durham, NC (1981), Nice (1983), Bonn (1986), Tallinn (1989), Toulouse (1992), Jerusalem (1995), Cincinnati (1998), Sendai (2001), Birmingham (UK) (2004), and Xiamen (2007).

The number of registrants at ICPC-17 was 310. The scientific sessions comprised 170 oral presentations that included two plenary lectures, 22 keynote speakers and 35 invited presentations. In addition, the poster sessions covered 121 topics.

The participants at the conference came from 28 countries and territories. Most prominent in attendance were scientists from China, Russia, USA, Japan, Ukraine, Poland, UK, Germany, Israel, France, Austria, Canada, Hungary, Belgium, India, Singapore, and Spain.

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