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PREFACE

This book records the invited lectures of the 13th International Symposium on the Organic Chemistry of Sulfur held in Odense, Denmark in 1988. This symposium was attended by 290 chemists from 32 different countries representing all five continents.

When the first sulfur symposium took place in Liblice, Czechoslovakia in 1964, sulfur chemistry was an exotic branch of organic chemistry, which was of interest to only relatively few specialists. Since then, sulfur chemistry has become part of the daily life of almost any organic chemist, as sulfur-containing groups today serve important auxiliary functions in synthetic chemistry.

The fast-developing interest in one-dimensional organic materials for organic conductors has, since the development of the TTF-TCNQ as the first representative of this class of compounds, given rise to a rapid evolution in the chemistry of many different types of multisulfur-compounds. Several papers describing this new field in sulfur chemistry are presented here.

The main themes of the Odense Symposium were:

- A. Synthetic Aspects
- B. Theoretical, Mechanistic, and Stereochemical Aspects
- C. Heterocyclic Compounds

All these subjects were covered in the invited papers as well as in the contributed papers and posters presented at the Symposium. Titles and names of the authors of the contributed papers and posters are listed at the back of this volume. Abstracts of these contributions can be found in the book of abstracts handed out to all participants at the Symposium.

The location of a given lecture or poster in one of the three groups A, B and C is rather arbitrary as many overlaps occurred.

Publication of the proceedings of a conference dealing with recent advantages in chemistry must be rapid if it is to be at all worthwhile and we are in great debt to the authors of the papers for their cooperation in preparing the manuscript without delay.

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