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PREFACE

The 6th International Conference on the Chemistry of Selenium and Tellurium (ICCST-6) was held in Osaka from July 9-13, 1991 at the International House, Osaka, Japan. Since the first conference was organized in 1971 by Dr. W. H. H. Günther and Dr. Y. Okamoto in New York, the conference had been held every 4 years: Lund (Sweden), Metz (France), Birmingham (UK), and Oak Ridge (USA). This was the first one held in Asia. The aim of the conference was to provide an open forum for the presentation of recent results and an opportunity for the discussion and exchange of information with colleagues in a wide range of fields of selenium and tellurium chemistry. All sessions were held in one room.

A few months after we dispatched the First Circular, the Gulf War began and we were somewhat anxious about the success of the conference. Fortunately it came to an end a few months before the deadline registration. About 300 active participants from 13 countries registered. Many distinguished chemists from various fields of selenium and tellurium chemistry contributed to the conference and their contributions covered recent developments of the fields from basic theories to fascinating applications.

This special volume records the Proceedings of ICCST-6 comprising 61 papers: 14 long papers from invited speakers and 47 short contributed papers. These papers were divided into three sections. Organic and Inorganic Chemistry, Advanced Materials, and Biochemistry; thus one can easily survey the best current works in these fields of selenium and tellurium chemistry.

The symbol of the conference was designed by Dr. Akiya Ogawa (Assistant Professor of Osaka University) with an image from the nomenclature of selenium (selene, moon in Greek) and tellurium (tellus, earth in Latin). It would please us if the organizers of the following conferences would adopt this symbol.

The ICCST-6 was an unqualified success. On behalf of the Organizing Committee, I would like to express our sincere thanks to all the participants of this conference including the accompanying persons. I also acknowledge the cooperation of the staff and students of Osaka University. Especially, I wish to thank Dr. Nobuaki Kambe, Dr. Ilhyong Ryu, Dr. Akiya Ogawa, and Ms. Kyoko Tsuchida for their faithful assistance. Finally, I am greatly indebted to Professor Robert R. Holmes (University of Massachusetts, Editor-in-Chief of this journal) and members of the staff of Gordon and Breach Science Publishers for their invaluable cooperation in the production of these Proceedings.

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