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PREFACE

The Seventh International Symposium on Inorganic Ring Systems (IRIS VII) was held August 7 - 12, 1994 at the Banff Conference Centre, Banff, Alberta, Canada. The organizers and locations of the previous conferences in this series are shown below.

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| IRIS VI | 1991 | Berlin, Germany Chairman: R. Steudel |
| IRIS V | 1988 | Amherst, MA, U.S.A. Chairman: R.R. Holmes |
| IRIS IV | 1985 | Orsay, France Chairman: H. Garcia-Fernández |
| IRIS III | 1981 | Graz, Austria Chairman: E. Hengge |
| IRIS II | 1978 | Göttingen, F.R.G. Chairman: O. Glemser |
| IRIS Ib | 1977 | Madrid, Spain President: E. Gutierrez Rios Vice-president & Chairman: H. Garcia-Fernández |
| IRIS I | 1975 | Besançon, France Chairman: H. Garcia-Fernández |

The scientific program for IRIS VII was designed to cover both pure and applied aspects of the chemistry of inorganic ring systems of the main group elements. The synergic relationship between small molecule chemistry, polymer chemistry, and solid state chemistry was clearly demonstrated in the broad range of contributions. The conference opened with a lecture by Professor Guy Bertrand (Toulouse, France), the first recipient of the International Council for Main Group Chemistry Award for "Excellence in Main Group Chemistry Research" sponsored by Elf Atochem. The following sessions were organized into a series of themes which covered the synthesis and structures of rings, cages and clusters, physical methods, theoretical calculations, and precursor chemistry leading to polymers and solid state materials. In all, there were 63 oral presentations of which 17 were invited lectures. In addition, 69 posters extending over a broad range of topics were presented. A total of 148 scientists (including *ca.* 35 students) from 20 different countries attended IRIS VII.

Sponsorship for IRIS VII was provided by the following organizations: Alberta Sulphur Research Ltd.; Canadian Society for Chemistry, Inorganic Chemistry Division; Department of Chemistry, The University of Calgary; Elf Atochem; Elsevier Science; Faculty of Science, The University of Calgary; Gordon and Breach Publishers Inc.; John Wiley and Sons, Ltd.; Monsanto; Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (Canada); Research Grants Committee, The University of Calgary; VCH Publishers.

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The next conference in this series, IRIS VIII, will be held at Loughborough, England in August 1997. Further details may be obtained from Professor J.D. Woollins, Loughborough University of Technology, Loughborough, Leicestershire, LE11 3TU (Fax: 0509-233163; E-mail: J.D.Woollins@lut.ac.uk).

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