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Book Review

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This book comprises the majority of papers covering the plenary and invited lectures presented at the Xth International Symposium on Organosilicon Chemistry in Poznań, Poland, August 15–20, 1993. Over four hundred participants from thirty countries took part in this conference which celebrated the 50th anniversary of the invention and exploration of the “direct synthesis” of silicon monomers. In this connection, Eugene Rochow opened the contributions with his presentation in Section I covering the history of organosilicon chemistry. This is followed by three other sections covering Synthesis Structure and Properties of Molecular Organosilicon Compounds, Reactions and Intermediates in Organosilicon Chemistry, and Silicon Polymers and Other Silicon Based Materials.

In all, the book contains 33 chapters ending with Barry Arkles’ discussion of the “Future Developments in Silicon Chemistry—An Industrial Perspective.”

It is obvious to anyone in the field that the conference had excellent coverage of most of the current topics in organosilicon chemistry. The book should provide a welcome addition to those working in this very active and important area of chemistry or those contemplating embarking on research in new directions that come to mind on reading the contributions by leaders in their respective areas. The book in its summary of recent progress in organosilicon chemistry provides a valuable reference for chemists in both fundamental and applied areas of this exciting field.

The book is available from Gordon and Breach Science Publishers/Harwood Academic Publishers, P.O. Box 200029, Riverfront Plaza Station, Newark, NJ 07102-0301, USA. Telephone (800) 545-8398 or fax (201) 643-7676. P.O. Box 90, Reading, Berkshire, RG1 8JL, UK. Telephone +44734 568316, Fax: +44734 568211.

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