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### Preface

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# PREFACE

The 17th International Symposium on the Organic Chemistry of Sulfur (ISOCS-17) was held July 7-12, 1996 at University of Tsukuba in Ibaraki, Japan. This collection records the 19 plenary and invited lectures, the two-page summaries of 78 oral communications, and the titles of 175 posters presented at the meeting. ISOCS-17 was the first symposium in this series held outside Europe. The previous conferences took place in the following cities: Lublice, (Czechoslovakia, 1964); Groningen, (The Netherlands, 1966); Caen (France, 1968); Venice, (Italy, 1970); Lund, (Sweden, 1972); Bangor, (United Kingdom, 1974); Hamburg, (Germany, 1976); Portoroz, (Yugoslavia, 1978); Riga, (Latvia, 1980); Bangor, (United Kingdom, 1982); Lindau, (Germany, 1984); Nijmegen, (The Netherlands, 1986); Odense, (Denmark, 1988); Lodz, (Poland, 1990); Caen, (France, 1993); and Merseburg, (Germany, 1994).

The symposium attracted 511 participants and 26 accompanying persons from 28 countries, among those 142 from outside Japan. The largest delegations other than Japan were France (12), Germany (18), Italy (8), Russia (20), UK (10), and USA (8).

The topics of the symposium were presented in five main sections: (A) synthesis of organic sulfur compounds and organosulfur mediated synthesis; (B) theoretical, mechanistic and stereochemical aspects of the organic chemistry of sulfur; (C) heterocyclic sulfur compounds; (D) bioorganic and medicinal sulfur chemistry; (E) advanced materials: organic conductors, polymers, and so forth. As in previous meetings of this series, the contributions were mainly concerned with the synthetic and mechanistic aspects of organosulfur compounds, but in order to reflect recent advances in the material sciences, four plenary lectures were chosen in this area. In addition, there were quite a few oral and poster presentations that dealt with such compounds as TTF derivatives, polythiophenes, polythiophenylenes, etc.

We hope that this volume will provide a stimulus for future research, not only in organosulfur chemistry, but also in related fields; such as organoheteroatom chemistry and bioorganic chemistry.

The organizers of the symposium would like to express their thanks to the authors of the papers for their cooperation in preparing the manuscripts; to all those who contributed to the success of the symposium by presenting a lecture, an oral communication, or a poster; and the chairpersons and the members of the international committee.

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# Plenary and Invited Lectures