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PREFACE

The special issue of this Journal, like previous occasions, is brought out to publish contributions of **9th International Conference on the Chemistry of Selenium and Tellurium (ICCST-9)** held during 23–27 February 2004 at the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, India. Since the inception of the first such conference in 1971 by Dr. W. H. H. Gunther (Xerox Corporation) and Prof. Y. Okamato (New York University), the ICCSTs have been held at a regular interval in different countries. The earlier conferences of the series were held at

ICCST-I (1971) New York, USA ICCST-II (1975) Lund, Sweden ICCST-III (1979) Metz, France ICCST-IV (1983) Birmingham, U.K. ICCST-V (1987) Oak Ridge, USA ICCST-VI (1991) Osaka, Japan ICCST-VII (1997) Aachen, Germany ICCST-VIII (2000) Sao Paulo, Brazil

The chemistry of selenium and tellurium has been making great strides both in basic and applied research. The ICCST provides a common platform to the international scientists working on different aspects of selenium and tellurium chemistry to share their innovative ideas and evolve areas of mutual collaboration.

The rich traditions and high standards of ICCSTs were reflected in ICCST-9. The conference was regarded as highly successful by international peers and reviewers. More than 160 delegates from 15 countries attended ICCST-9. This conference covered various aspects of selenium and tellurium chemistry, *viz.*, organic chemistry, inorganic chemistry, biochemistry, materials chemistry, catalysis and environmental chemistry. There were 12, plenary 19 session and 23 invited lectures and about 60 poster presentation in ICCST-9.

Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay is one of the seven IITs in India. It was established in 1958 in northern suburb of Mumbai. Mumbai has many premier scientific organisations like Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, University of Mumbai, The Institute of Science, University Institute of Chemical Technology and several other R&D labs in chemical industry.

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