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## Preface

The International Symposium on Ionic Polymerization sponsored by the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry and Istanbul Technical University was held September 4–8, 1995 in Istanbul, Turkey. The symposium was attended by 150 scientists from 23 countries. For the first time the former series of meetings on cationic, anionic and ring-opening polymerizations were unified into one stream of “Ionic Polymerization”. A prestigious group of speakers from each field was gathered together in one symposium. As mentioned by a great number of participants, the new name of this combined symposium was quite beneficial from a scientific point of view and it is hoped that this successful approach will be followed for future symposia.

The scientific program included recent developments on the following aspects of ionic polymerization:

- Fundamental Chemistry and Mechanism
- Controlled Polymer Synthesis
- Telechelics, Macromonomers and Block and Graft Copolymers
- Kinetics and Modelling
- Industrial Applications
- Light Induced Processes

Cationic and anionic polymerizations were presented equally. The scientific sessions were arranged in consecutive order so as to facilitate the attendance in sessions related to both topics and consequently to benefit not only from the polymerization mechanism of interest but also from the developments in the other. The presentations were of high quality and represented the very forefront of the science and technology of ionic polymerization. Excellent discussions took place during and after the formal part of the program which will certainly contribute to the future directions of this field of polymer chemistry. I would like to express my thanks to the speakers and all those who presented posters for their enthusiastic participation.

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