

Preface

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The 33rd International Conference on Solution Chemistry (ICSC-33) was held 7–12 July 2013 in Kyoto, Japan. This conference series covers a wide range of topics related to solution chemistry, such as

- thermodynamics, kinetics, and structures
- polymers, colloids, interfaces, and membranes
- bioinorganic, biophysical, and pharmaceutical problems
- supramolecular assemblies and nanostructures
- analytical and environmental aspects
- solvents and solutions under extreme conditions

Five plenary lectures were given by Hans-Jürgen Butt (Max-Planck Institute, Germany); Fumio Hirata (IMS, Ritsumeikan University, Japan); Thomas Hofer (University of Innsbruck, Austria); Stephen F. Lincoln (University of Adelaide, Australia); and Hiroyuki Ohno (Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology, Japan).

Fourteen papers based on lectures presented at ICSC-33 are included in this issue of *Pure and Applied Chemistry*. These contributions feature the major themes of the conference, serve as a representative view of current activities in the field of solution chemistry, and demonstrate that solutions still prove to be challenging targets for contemporary physical and chemical research.

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