

Preface

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The 2nd International Symposium on Low Energy Electron–Molecule Interactions was held in Chlewiska/Siedlce, Poland, August 29th – September 2nd and was organized by the Institute of Chemistry of the University of Podlasie (Siedlce).

This Symposium had a special character since it was dedicated to Professor Loucas G. Christophorou who after many years of stay in the USA has returned to Europe as a member of the Academy of Athens. His contribution to the field of electron driven processes cannot be overestimated. The best description of his impact to science is given in the short note written by his friend and collaborator Professor Eugen Illenberger.

Scientists from all over the world, the whole Europe, USA, Canada and Japan participated in the Symposium. The intention of this Symposium was to gather many distinguished scientists together with young students in

order to discuss the problems in the field and to learn about recent achievements in the chemistry and physics of electron–molecule interactions.

The opening addresses were delivered by Prof. Antoni Jówko Rector of the University of Podlasie and Dr. Mirosław Symanowicz President of the city of Siedlce.

The Symposium programme consisted of invited papers (plenary lectures and special reports) and a poster session.

Low energy electron–molecule interactions are important in many areas such as environmental sciences, plasma processes, gaseous dielectrics. The important role of electron-driven reactions has also been recognized in the life sciences. This special issue of *Nukleonika* presents some papers representative of the symposium subject. They cover the broad area of electron–molecule interactions both theoretically and experimentally giving some new approach to the problem.