

Preface

In the fourteenth century, Thomas à Kempis stated:

“Nam homo proposit, des Deus disponit”
(Man proposes, but God disposes)

This human vulnerability is illustrated by the last sentence of the Preface published in the Proceedings of EUCMOS XIX — Journal of Molecular Structure, Volume 217 (1990): “The XXth EUCMOS will be held in Zagreb, Yugoslavia, in the autumn of 1991”. The civil war, which still rages as these words are being written, inevitably led to the cancellation of the meeting even though a valiant attempt was made by Professors Z. Meić and Z.B. Maksić, and their collaborators, to transfer the Congress to Hungary.

Consequently, the XXth EUCMOS was not held but, in recognition of the great fortitude of the organisers, it was decided to publish these somewhat attenuated “Proceedings” volumes as an “in memorium” tribute to what was shaping up to be a splendid international occasion. The editors would like to thank the contributors for their gesture of solidarity with the beleaguered scientists who attempted to organise EUCMOS XX.

It is a pleasure to dedicate these Proceedings to Professor Dušan Hadži, the Honorary President of the Scientific Committee of EUCMOS XX, who was a leader in the renaissance of European science after the Second World War.

God willing! the XXIst EUCMOS will be held in Vienna, Austria, from 23rd to 28th August 1992. Details from:

Prof. Dr. R. Kellner,
Institute for Analytical Chemistry,
Technical University,
Getreidemarkt 9,
A-1060 Vienna,
Austria.

A.J. Barnes
Z.B. Maksić
Z. Meić
W.J. Orville-Thomas