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Preface

This issue contains a selection of scientific contributions presented at the Eighth Brazilian Symposium of Theoretical Chemistry, held in Caxambú, M.G., Brazil, 19–22 November 1995.

The need for a Brazilian meeting on theoretical chemistry became apparent on occasion of the First Symposium of Theoretical Chemistry in Rio de Janeiro in 1980. Since then the Symposium has been organized every two years. Today it constitutes the major scientific meeting in the area in South America, and provides a stimulating and rich environment for scientific discussions as well as motivation for younger students.

This eighth symposium was held as usual at the the Gloria Hotel, Caxambú. Over 250 participants, including invited scientists from Argentina, Canada, Chile, Italy, Spain, Sweden, UK, Uruguay and USA, contributed to the success of this meeting in the form of plenary lectures, oral communications, round table discussions, and posters. All of

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