

Editorial

The XVII Ukrainian Conference on Inorganic Chemistry was held at the Ivan Franko National University of Lviv on September 15-19, 2008. This 17th edition of a traditional conference series was dedicated to the 90th anniversary of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine. The conference sessions were divided into three topics of contemporary inorganic chemistry: I. Chemistry of coordination compounds, II. Solid state chemistry and crystal chemistry, and III. Modern nano-, bioinorganic and ecological energy technologies. In spite of the rainy weather more than 250 scientists attended the conference, presenting new results and exchanging scientific information.

The conference was co-organized by the Scientific Council on Inorganic Chemistry of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, the V.I. Vernadsky Institute of General and Inorganic Chemistry, the Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, and the Ivan Franko National University of Lviv, and was sponsored by the International Centre for Diffraction Data (ICDD). It offered an excellent opportunity for students and leading scientists in the field of inorganic chemistry to meet and discuss. In total three academicians, six corresponding members of the national academies of sciences of different countries,

64 professors, 121 doctors, 82 Ph.D. and graduate students participated. The program contained 13 plenary lectures and 41 oral presentations, and 249 posters were exposed during the conference. Among the orators may be mentioned Alan Williams and Radovan Černý (University of Geneva, Switzerland), Gašper Tavčar (Institute Jožef Stefan, Ljubljana, Slovenia), Constantin Turta (Institute of Chemistry, Chisinau, Moldova), Evgeniy Goodilin (M.V. Lomonosov Moscow State University, Russia), Vladimir Sergienko (N.S. Kurnakov Institute of General and Inorganic Chemistry, Moscow, Russia), Sergiy Volkov, Anatolii Bilous and Vasyl Pekhnyo (V.I. Vernadsky Institute of General and Inorganic Chemistry, Kyiv, Ukraine), Victor Skopenko and Mykola Slobodyanyk (Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Ukraine), Zinoviyy Nazarchuk (G.V. Karpenko Physico-Mechanical Institute, Lviv, Ukraine).

We have the pleasure to publish as first article in this issue of CHEMISTRY OF METALS AND ALLOYS the contribution by Alan Williams from the University of Geneva.

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From left to right in the front row: Prof. Bohdan Kotur from the Ivan Franko National University of Lviv, Acad. Victor Skopenko from the Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Acad. Sergiy Volkov from the V.I. Vernadsky Institute of General and Inorganic Chemistry, Kyiv, Prof. Alan Williams from the University of Geneva, and Prof. Roman Gladyshevskii.