

## PREFACE

Since the initial April 1968 meeting in Portmeirion, Wales, U.K., the European Chemistry at Interfaces Conferences have evolved into a series with its own more or less idealistic tradition. The purpose of these meetings is to bring together in an informal atmosphere scientists active in the field of colloid and interface science. In order to foster international interaction, the Conferences are, as far as possible, held every two years, alternating between sites in Eastern and Western Europe.

To date, there have been nine such Conferences. In addition to the initial meeting mentioned above, they have been held in the Netherlands, France, Germany FR, Finland, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Hungary and Poland. It is the last of these meetings, held in Zakopane, May 19-24 1986, from which this volume contains the Proceedings.

Although traditionally no written record is made of these European Chemistry at Interfaces Conferences, the present volume is useful because, in addition to containing a variety of interesting contributions, it underlines the scientific interaction between parts of Europe that are politically divided. The volume also reflects another characteristic, namely the interaction of different, sometimes disparate domains of interface and colloid science. Namely topics concerning both "dry" and "wet" interface science were brought together on the programme.

The organisers deserve our whole-hearted appreciation for their efforts in staging this successful meeting.

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