

## Preface

This book consists of a collection of papers that were presented during the International Conference on Polycrystalline Semiconductors - Physics and Technology (Polyse '93) that took place in Saint Malo, France, from September 5 to 10, 1993. With even more emphasis than its predecessors POLYSE '90 and '88, POLYSE '93 covered the physics and technology of polycrystalline semiconductors by joining scientists who work on a variety of polycrystalline semiconducting materials in research, technology, and application.

In accordance with this aim, fifteen widely recognized speakers presented overviews in their fields of work in invited papers. Oral papers and posters complemented the broad field of topics displayed by these speakers in a concise and expert way. The authors of poster contributions were given a four minutes' oral summary (two minutes for late papers). This combination of different types of presentations led to very lively and stimulating discussions, which extended well into the breaks and social events of various types. We would like to thank all conference participants for their commitment.

Such a conference lives from the contributions of many persons and institutions. Formost we must extend sincere thanks to the invited speakers for their contributions as well as for their refereeing of most of the submitted papers. These speakers are:

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C.B. Carter	D.B. Holt	W.D. Sawyer
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The financial basis is an indispensable necessity of such a conference. The sizable contributions of a number of sponsors, listed below, are gratefully acknowledged. Last, but not least, we owe sincere thanks to our staff members for their able support and help before, during and after the conference.

We hope that this collection of papers will trigger further synergetic effects between fundamentally and technologically orientated research efforts.

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