

Foreword

In this volume we continue the scheme started two years' ago, in which the 'A' volume is devoted to organic and bio-organic subjects, whilst 'B' is concerned with inorganic and bio-inorganic topics. These volumes appear every other year, our aim being to have them ready for the Annual International Conferences organised by the Royal Society of Chemistry under these headings.

It remains very important that we should maintain sales at as high a level as possible, and I urge subscribers and all e.s.r. spectroscopists who consult these volumes to ensure that they are taken by their libraries.

I am most grateful to all the contributors for their care in producing good camera-ready copy, and for meeting the exacting deadline. As is now usual practice, we have attempted to cover all the main on-going areas of organic and bio-organic e.s.r., but very sadly, our normal chapter on "Organic Radicals in Solids" which remains a very active area, is missing this year. Professor Terry Kemp, who has written this Chapter in the past, handed over to Professor Ffrancon Williams this year, but most unfortunately illness prevented Professor Williams from writing. This came at such a late date that it was impossible for anyone (even for me) to write in his place. He has agreed to produce a bumper 4-year chapter for Volume 12A (provided we are still in business in two years' time). I am also sorry to say that a contribution on the "Applications of E.S.R. in Polymer Chemistry" by J.H. O'Donnell and co-workers was also not forthcoming this year. I very much hope that we will again have a "Polymer" review in two years' time covering the four year period.

The Chapter on nitroxide radicals by Rockenbauer, Gyor, Hankovszky and Hideg is our special chapter this year. It is unusual in that it contains many previously unpublished results, and looks in fine detail at as many parameters as are measurable for a wide range of nitroxides. Since these are overwhelmingly the most studied of all classes of radicals, I hope this Review will be of extensive use. Suggestions for special Reviews for future volumes will be most welcome.

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