On Compiling the Papers Presented in ITAS '94 as a Special Issue

In ITAS '94, at the Hakodate session, five plenary lectures by Makoto Takagi (Kyushu Univ.), Yuri A. Zolotov (Moscow State Univ.), Masatoshi Morita (Natl. Inst. Environmental Studies), Katsuhiko Matsunaga (Hokkaido Univ.), and Gregory R. Choppin (Florida State Univ.), 7 invited lectures and 12 contributed papers were presented. At the Sapporo session, four plenary lectures were given by Tsuguo Sawada (University of Tokyo), Willie L. Hinze (Wake Forest University), Henry Freiser (Univ. of Arizona), and Boris F. Myasoedov (V. I. Vernadsky Inst. Geochem. Anal. Chem.), 10 invited and 14 contributed papers were presented and 46 papers were displayed during two poster sessions. During the presentation, very active discussions occurred; especially at the poster session, many people always gathered around the speakers and engaged in eager discussions during the presentation period.

On the occasion of ITAS '94, we planned to compile those excellent papers presented at the Conference in a

special issue of *Analytical Sciences*. They were mainly selected from the plenary and invited lectures and are collectively published in this ITAS '94 issue of *Analytical Sciences* (as accepted for publication by the date of regular publication schedule, some are expected to appear in the subsequent issue). I am concerned that these papers might not represent all of the fields presented during the symposium. I thus have to apologize if this issue has missed any important papers but am in hope that this issue should serve as an important document representing the successful achievement of the ITAS '94.

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