

Preface

The International Conference on Pure and Applied Chemistry (ICPAC 2014) was held from 23 to 27 June 2014 at Hotel Sofitel Mauritius Impérial Resort & Spa, Wolmar, Flic en Flac, in Mauritius. The theme of the conference was “Crystallizing Ideas: The Role of Chemistry” and it matched the declaration of the Year 2014 as the International Year of Crystallography. ICPAC 2014 was attended by 150 participants coming from 30 countries. The conference featured 80 oral and 40 poster presentations. The keynote lecture was addressed by Her Excellency Grace Asirwatham, the Deputy Director General of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW). OPCW was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2013.

The participants of ICPAC 2014 were invited to submit full papers. They were subsequently peer reviewed and the selected papers are collected in this volume. This book of proceedings contains 23 chapters covering wide ranging topics from fundamental to applied chemistry and interdisciplinary subjects.

We would like to thank all those who submitted the full papers and the reviewers for their timely help in assessing the papers for publication. We would like to pay a special tribute to all the sponsors of ICPAC 2014.

We hope that this collection of papers will serve as a useful reference set for researchers.

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