CEREMONY FOR THE PRESENTATION OF THE DIVISION OF POLYMER CHEMISTRY AWARD TO MAURICE L. HUGGINS

On the occasion of the presentation of the Division of Polymer Chemistry Award to Dr. Maurice L. Huggins on November 24, 1980, a number of formal and informal events, which accompanied the award address published in this volume, occurred which added materially to the presentation and we hoped tended to enhance the tradition of the award. These events included the presentation ceremonies, the introduction of the awardee, and a panel discussion involving questions and reminiscing about the awardee's career. A special flavor to the ceremony was derived by the presentation of a scroll signed by many of his polymer friends in Japan and an additional gift of a 200-year old Japanese wooden print to Dr. Huggins by the Society of Polymer Science, Japan.

The Chairman of the Division of Polymer Chemistry, Ili M. Pearce, in a few opening remarks, greeted the attendees and thanked the Dow Chemical Company for the financial support of the award and introduced Harvey D. Ledbetter who was Dow's representative to the U.S./Japan Polymer Symposium 1980 at the Tenth Binennial Polymer Symposium. Dr. Pearce, taking special note of the international nature of the meeting, continued his remarks as follows:

One of the main characteristics of polymer chemistry is its international aspect. Of course, we are enjoying one phase of this international flavor at this meeting. I thought about this last week at the polytechnic [Institute of New York] when we had a luncheon guest who was a colloquim speaker. She was a young lady who was originally from Korea, and who is now a professor at MIT. Around the table at that time were various people from our own staff. We had Professor Morawetz, who is from Czechoslovakia, Professor Okamoto, who is from Japan, and Professor Sophia Merajver, who came to us from Argentina. Again it's very impressive that the community we have in the field of polymers is a rather unique one here in...
the United States. What I would like to do in honor of this particular meeting with the Japanese is something unusual. Of course, we've heard the phrase during the technical sessions about Japanese-English; so I would like to say a few words of greetings in English-Japanese. Please forgive me for the mistakes I make.

Nippon no kobunshi o katsyoh-shi-te orareru minasan, yoku irasshai mashita. Watakushi-tachi, America no kobunshi-gakkai-sha toshite konki no meeting o hijoh ni enjoy-shi-te orimasu. Kongo mo shibashiba konoyo-hna kikai o motsu koto o kokorokara kiboh-shi-te orimasu.

For those of you who do not understand English-Japanese, basically, what I said is that we welcome this meeting with the Japanese polymer chemists, we are very pleased with the way things have worked, and we look forward to such opportunities in the future.

Now, in holding a meeting of this sort, one has to give many, many thanks to many, many people. First of all, of course, I would like to thank Professor Tsuruta and the Society of Polymer Science, Japan. We hope to make this a very successful meeting. Then, of course, thanks to Bill Bailey and Joe Salamone who handled much of the organizational load for the Polymer Division of the American Chemical Society. Special thanks to the Dow Chemical Company for the financial support of the award presentation this evening. And finally to our guest of honor, Dr. Maurice Huggins, who so kindly has accepted this award. I would like to point out that, in addition to this award that the Division has established, there are a number of different awards that we currently present. The award that we will present tonight is the Polymer Division Award which is sponsored by the Division itself to honor not only scientific proficiency but also professional involvement of all sorts. The polymer chemists, who have received these awards in the past, have been people who not only exemplify the scientific talent but also the professional involvement itself. These were Paul Flory and Carl Marvel. The Division itself now has some additional awards that you will be hearing about. We have established a Creative Polymer Chemistry Award, which will be given every second year to a polymer chemist under the age of 45 and this award too will be supported by the Dow Chemical Company. We are in the