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## PREFACE

As editor of these proceedings it is my personal pleasure to see them assume this finished form. The Eighth Annual International Conference on Coal Gasification, Liquefaction, and Conversion to Electricity was noteworthy in at least two respects. To begin with, I share the opinion of my managing co-chairman for that conference, Dr. Charles A. Stokes, that the overall quality of the presentations made at the conference was extremely high. Clearly, this is a testimony not only to the authors of those papers but also to the session chairmen and members of our Advisory Board who helped formulate the program. The strike of the Air Traffic Controllers on August 3, 1981, provided the second aspect of this conference that will long be remembered. I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank the many authors and conference participants who used their own transportation to come to the conference. Without their efforts the conference would not have been the same.

The Department of Chemical and Petroleum Engineering is pleased to serve as the sponsor for these conferences. We continue to believe that they provide a unique forum for a rigorous exchange of information concerning the status of present trends and meaningful projections in coal utilization. We feel that the blend of the political, economic, and technical concerns relating to coal utilization that these conferences provide serves to enhance our collective knowledge in this important area.

Plans are in progress for the Ninth Annual International Conference at which time we hope to continue this vital information exchange.

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