

## PREFACE

A Symposium on Non-Crystalline Solids was held on February 4 and 5, 1980 at the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, under the auspices of the Department of Physics and the Advanced Centre for Material Science, IIT, Kanpur. The papers included topics of current interest, such as amorphous semiconductors, metallic glasses, silicate glasses and spin glasses. The Symposium provided an excellent opportunity for workers in these areas to meet each other and exchange ideas in an informal atmosphere. Besides reviewing this fast developing field, many new and as yet unpublished ideas were also presented. We, therefore, believe that publication of the articles based on the invited lectures delivered at the Symposium, in this Bulletin, would be beneficial.

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