

Foreword

The Thirteenth Symposium on Antarctic Meteorites sponsored by the National Institute of Polar Research was held on June 7–9, 1988. A total of 73 papers was presented, and 65 papers of them were read at the symposium. Subjects discussed covered a wide range of the meteorite research including glaciological aspects meteorites concentration in the Antarctic ice sheet, the results of consortium studies on the lunar and other important meteorites, and mineralogy, chemistry and physical properties of various meteorites.

This volume comprises 22 full papers contributed from presentations at the 1988 Symposium. The Part A of the volume is assigned to the reports of consortium studies and the Part B to the general topics of the Antarctic meteorites and the related problems. It is strongly hoped that this volume as well as an annual symposium on Antarctic meteorites at NIPR will contribute to the progress of Antarctic meteorite research. We are deeply indebted to all the referees, in particular foreign colleagues, who have readily cooperated to prepare this volume.

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