ICSSP'13 chairman's preface

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On behalf of the Patron-in-Chief, Prof. Mujahid Kamran, VC Punjab University and the Organizing Committee of the International Conference on Solid State Physics 2013 (ICSSP'13), it is my pleasure to present this special issue of the Journal of Sol–Gel Science and Technology comprising selected papers from ICSSP'13. These papers have been peer reviewed according to the journal's standards.

ICSSP'13 was held December 01–06, 2013 at the University of the Punjab, Lahore, Pakistan. The Centre of Excellence in Solid State Physics organized ICSSP'13 after a long journey of holding national level conferences.

In summary, ICSSP'13 was successful due to the dedication of the various committees and sub-committees. The conference could not have achieved its goals without the help of the Advisory Committee, Organizing Committee and Technical Committee members including the secretarial staff. The publication of selected papers in JSST would not have been possible without the sincere help of Prof. Michel Aegerter, Editor-in-Chief, along with the

relevant editorial staff. I thank them all, and hope that they will work with the same vigor and zeal for holding ICSSP'15.

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