

## Preface

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The *14th Nordic Symposium on Catalysis* was held in Helsingør, Denmark during the days of August 29–31, 2010. The symposium was chaired by Anker Degn Jensen, who organized it together with researchers from Haldor Topsøe A/S, Aarhus University, the Engineering Organization of Denmark (IDA), and three different departments of the Technical University of Denmark on behalf of the Scandinavian Catalysis Society. The busy discussions between the 177 participants, who gave a total of 100 poster presentations, 48 oral contributions, four Nordic keynote lectures, and three invited plenary lectures, is a testament to the lively and vibrant catalysis community in the Nordic and the neighboring countries. Many important developments and discoveries in the field of catalysis have seen the light of day since the *10th Nordic Symposium on*

*Catalysis* was held at the same location almost exactly 8 years earlier. The 34 manuscripts accepted for this special issue of *Topics in Catalysis* highlights some of these new directions in the field.

We would like to thank all the participants for making it a very successful symposium, as well as the authors of the manuscripts in this special issue for their contributions. We would also very much like to thank the plenary speakers, James A. Dumesic (University of Wisconsin–Madison), Wolfgang Kroutil (University of Graz), and Robert J. Madix (Harvard University) for their brilliant and inspiring talks at the symposium.

We look forward to reconvene in the beautiful Mariehamn, Åland (an autonomous region of Finland) for the *15th Nordic Symposium on Catalysis*, June 10–12, 2012.

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