

Preface

The 15th edition of the Symposium on Industrial Crystallization (ISIC 15), promoted by the European Working Party of EFCE on Crystallization, is taking place 15. - 18. September 2002 in Sorrento, Italy.

The Symposium is co-sponsored by AIChE and organized by AIDIC, Associazione Italiana di Ingegneria Chimica and is expected to provide a forum for the discussion of the advances and practice of crystallization. Its main aim is to gather people working on the R & D of crystallization processes in industry, research centres and universities.

Contributions to the Symposium are aiming for the following areas:

- Fundamentals in crystallization processes
- Molecular aspects of crystal growth
- Novel crystallization products and processes
- Design and operation of crystallizers

The Organizing Committee coordinated by Prof. A. Chianese and the Scientific Committee chaired by Prof. Dr. J. Ulrich closely collaborated on the selection of the contributions (double refereed) and on setting the final programme.

A special "Thanks" should be given to the many referees, who managed to deal with the high number of papers each two times.

The number of accepted contributions to the symposia have been continuously increasing over the years. From 151 accepted contributions in Garmisch, 1990, 229 contributions in Cambridge, 1999, to 257 papers in this symposium. Authors from 36 countries, 15 of them outside Europe are the contributors. The symposium consists of 5 half day sessions including: 6 plenary invited lectures, 27 oral lectures and 4 posters sessions where all the contributions (257) will be presented. The oral and plenary contributions will be given by research groups coming from 14 different countries in 5 continents. Herewith is given a state of the art overview of the main research communities and their research interests involved in industrial crystallization all over the world.

The papers are reported both in the present Proceedings and on a CD. This latter has a SW tool to allow the information retrieval on the basis of the subject and the name of the Authors.

Selected papers will be published in a more extended version in a special issue of the Chemical Engineering Technology Journal.

We would like to thank the sponsors: La Roche Vitamins and MESSO Technologies Group for sponsoring the participation of 10 young researchers in the Conference, and Dr. Damerio and Prof. Pierucci from AIDIC for the worthwhile organization of the symposium.

Finally, on behalf of the Scientific Committee and of the Organizing Committee, we would like to welcome all the participants and wish them a successful and fruitful conference. All activities will take place in the Hilton in Sorrento, a splendid seaside resort, near Naples located between the ancient Roman town of Pompei and the island of Capri

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