

## 28th International Conference of the Slovak Society of Chemical Engineering, 21—25 May 2001, Tatranské Matliare

The traditional annual conference of the Slovak Society of Chemical Engineering was held this year for the second consecutive time in Hotel Hutník in Tatranské Matliare in the eastern part of the High Tatras from May 21 to May 25. It is really delightful to conclude that the attendance of the conference in both quantity and quality of presentations kept the positive trend from previous years. The number of participants increased to more than 250 while about one third was from other countries than the Slovak or Czech Republic. The number of participating countries also increased and we could host scientists from Belgium, France, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and the U.S.A.

The active participants presented 3 plenary lectures, 98 lectures, and 110 posters in nine sessions. The plenary lectures were presented at the beginning of each daily program. The authors and titles of these lectures were as follows:

*J. Markoš, R. Žajdlík, B. Remiarová, and Ľ. Jelemenský* (Slovak University of Technology, Bratislava): Experimental study of single coal char particle combustion mechanism.

*F. Babinec* (Brno University of Technology, Czech Republic): From SEVESO II directive to IPPC directive.

*M. Králík* (Slovak University of Technology, Bratislava): Catalysis by dispersed metals in the 1st year of the 21st century.

The lectures were held in two parallel sessions and during the three and half days the topics of the sessions were as follows: Bioprocess Engineering, Industrial Equipment and Processes, Heat and Mass Transfer, Reaction Engineering, Membrane Processes, Gas-Liquid-Solid Reactors, Ecology, and Separation Processes. Besides, two specific workshops, Safety Engineering and Facilitated Transport, were part of the lecture program. In collaboration with the company LikoSpol, a satellite symposium on Organic Acid Production was included into the framework of the conference. One evening session was devoted to the discussion forum Computers and Software in Education of Chemical Engineering. Three poster sessions were not so specific as the lecture sessions but their very convenient late afternoon or evening time of organization and relaxing environment resulted in a great interest and lively discussions at the poster stands.

The abstracts of conference contributions were published in the printed form and the submitted full texts were recorded on CD-ROMs. The loans are available through the library of the Faculty of Chemical Technology (*Proceedings of the 28th International Conference of the Slovak Society of Chemical Engineering*, Tatranské Matliare, May 21—25, 2001 (Markoš, J. and Štefuca, V., Editors), Slovak University of Technology, Bratislava, 2001, ISBN 1 80-227-1533-6).

A reduced fee for Ph.D. students contributed to a significant attendance of young scientists and their active participation in the conference scientific program. The next, 29th Conference of SSChE will be held again in the premises of Hotel Hutník in Tatranské Matliare on May 27—31, 2002. Those, who would be interested to take part in the conference or to be informed about the future conferences, please contact Associate Professor *Jozef Markoš*, Department of Chemical and Biochemical Engineering, Slovak University of Technology, Radlinského 9, 812 37 Bratislava, Slovakia, e-mail: markos@cvt.stuba.sk, or visit www-page: <http://sschi.chtf.stuba.sk>.

We are glad that we could continue in publishing the designated issues of *Chemical Papers* collected from the selected contributions presented at the conference. As in the last year, we are filling two issues, 6/2001 and 1/2002, of the Journal. Due to the increased interest of participants, we had to apply a tougher selection of manuscripts and therewith we could improve the quality of the papers presented in the issues. An international dimension of the conference is emphasized by that the number of contributions to the Journal from abroad significantly increased and several times exceeded the number of contributions from Slovak participants. We believe that this cooperation between the Slovak Society of Chemical Engineering and *Chemical Papers* will continue to the benefit of both the participants of our conferences and readers of the Journal.

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