

## CONFERENCE REPORT

### **The 2<sup>nd</sup> Inter-American Drying Conference**

Boca del Rio, Veracruz, Mexico

July 8-10, 2001

The Second Inter-American Drying Conference (IADC'2001) was the follow-up of the IADC'1997 held in Brazil that was proposed and co-organised by Prof. Arun. S. Mujumdar and Dr. Maria Aparecida Silva in order to reflect the growing interest in drying in the Americas and to provide a regional forum for information transfer between drying experts in the Americas. Although considered as a regional event, this scientific conference attracted interest from outside of the Americas as well, including New Zealand, Singapore, U.K., Sweden, Japan, France and Norway.

The conference was structured into 8 keynote lectures given by recognized experts in their field, 18 oral presentations (15 min), and 49 posters in two 2-hour sessions. Authors of oral presentations were also invited to prepare posters to foster discussion of their lectures. The following topics were covered: modelling and simulation, wood and paper drying, concepts of drying, drying of textiles and other materials, and drying of bio-materials. Drying of bio-materials was the biggest session which reflects the current trend in drying R&D in this region.

On July 9, 2001 the Mayor of the city of Veracruz held a reception at which the eight keynote speakers received the honorary titles of Distinguished Visitor to Veracruz. The conference was concluded with round table discussion on Future for Drying R&D. Participants of this open forum proposed the third IADC conference to be held in year 2005 in Montreal, Canada. Details will be announced in *Drying Technology – An International Journal* as well as the website [www.geocities.com/drying\\_guru/](http://www.geocities.com/drying_guru/)

After the conference, many participants took the opportunity to travel to the historical site Tajin. This trip made possible not only to visit this important Totonaca cultural place but also to establish informal links between research scientists working in the drying area.

IADC'2001 was chaired by Prof. K Waliszewski of the Technological Institute of Veracruz, Mexico. Prof. Walishewski and the Organizing Committee deserve congratulations and greatest appreciation for the excellent job done to make this conference so successful.

The formal Proceedings of this conference are available in the form of an elegantly printed and carefully edited hard cover book edited by the Program Chairman. Those who could not attend this conference will definitely find some thing new of their interest; so it is highly recommended acquisition by both individuals and certainly by libraries everywhere.

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Conference proceedings as a bound volume of 575 pages (ISBN: 968-5401-01-2) are available for US\$ 80.00 from:

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### **Keynote lectures**

- International Drying Conferences: a Personal Perspective ([A.S. Mujumdar](#), National University of Singapore, Singapore)
- Drying R&D in Japan ([M. Hasatani](#), Nagoya University, Nagoya, Japan)

- Dehydration of Foods: Past, Present and Future (G.V. Barbosa-Canovas, H. Vega-Mercado and M.M. Gongora-Nieto, University of Washington, Pullman, WA, USA)
- Advanced Control for Industrial drying (T. Kudra, CANMET, Varennes, PQ, Canada)
- Enhancement of Heat Transfer with Reattachment Jets (J. Seyed-Yagoobi, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX, USA)
- New Hybrid Heat Pump Drying Technologies-Status and Potential for Drying Food and Heat Sensitive Materials (S.K. Chou and K.J. Chua, National University of Singapore, Singapore)
- Towards Thermo-Hydro-Rheology (F. Couture, M. Roques and E. Bogdanis, Universite de Pau et des Pays de l'Adour, Pau, France)
- Overview on New Drying technologies for Fish and Marine Products (O. Alves-Filho and I. Overrein, SINTEF, Trondheim, Norway)