

Preface

This issue 'Environmental Catalysis: Fundamental and Applied NO_x Control Studies' is one of four issues based on the papers presented at the 2nd World Congress of Environmental Catalysis, co-sponsored by AIChE, at Miami, FL, in November 1998. The Congress focused on catalysis for environmental applications and was organized by John Armor of Air Products, Umit Ozkan of Ohio State University, and Ron Heck of Engelhard Corporation.

A wide range of topics in NO_x catalysis is covered in this issue. They include synthesis of novel catalysts, catalyst characterization, control of NO_x in lean burn exhausts, and selective catalytic reduction (SCR), among others. The response of the authors for the publication of this issue has been gratifying, and we believe it reflects a continuing interest in the application of the principles of catalysis to environmental problems.

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We trust you will enjoy reading the issue and find the papers useful in solving environmental problems with catalysis technology.

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