

Foreword

The III International Conference on Catalysis in Membrane Reactors, ICCMR 98, is a continuation of previous conferences held at Villeurbanne in 1994 and at Moscow in 1996. The forthcoming conference will be held at Zaragoza, year 2000.

The meeting took place in Copenhagen, Denmark, on 8–10 September 1998. It was sponsored by the Brite-Euram programme, Haldor Topsøe A/S, and the Danish Society of Chemical Engineers, and organised by the Danish Catalytic Society under the Danish Society of Chemical Engineers. The conference dealt with the rapid developments taking place in the membrane field with emphasis on membrane catalysis. It was attended by 120 scientists from more than 20 different countries. Five plenary lectures and 32 oral papers along with 31 posters were presented at the Conference.

About half of the presented papers are contained in these proceedings. For the initial reviews of the submitted abstracts, and for the subsequent reviews of the submitted papers, the organisers and the editors are grateful to the International Scientific Committee and the participating colleagues.

It is our sincere hope that the present volume of *Catalysis Today* will provide the reader with a vivid impression of the Copenhagen Conference and an almost up-to-date impression of the state-of-the-art within membrane catalysis.

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