



Preface

The International Symposium Gas-Fuel 05

The increased demand for oil and more generally for energy has led to a growing market for natural gas. Simultaneously with its use as a source of energy the application of natural gas as a feedstock for the petrochemical industry is rapidly progressing. Gas-to-liquid conversion is now a reality. Research in this field is intensive, not only in industrial research centers but also in universities.

The 3 day-symposium Gas-Fuel 05, organized in Brugge, Belgium, by the Technological Institute TI—KVIV in November 2005, covered two main aspects of this evolution: the general trends and European perspectives on one hand and the related research contributions with their potential for future commercial developments on the other hand. The dialog generated by the Symposium between those participants belonging to industrial organizations and those

of the academic community will definitely be stimulating and fruitful for future developments.

What is presented in this issue is a biased selection of papers of the Symposium only, based upon quality but also upon their relevance to the scope of Catalysis Today. The organizers TI—KVIV are grateful to “Catalysis Today” for providing the opportunity of disseminating the product of their initiative and intensive efforts.

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