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Preface

This special issue of *Catalysis Today* contains a series of papers that were presented at 2008 Ibero-American Conference on Catalysis (40th Anniversary of the Iberoamerican Symposium of Catalysis, SICAT) held in Málaga-Benalmádena, Spain; with the topic: “*Catalysis of the XXI Century: Towards a Sustainable Chemistry*”. Our twenty-seven papers of 200 oral presentations, were selected by a peer reviewing process that involved more than 100 international referees.

SICAT is a biannual international forum organized under the auspices of the Spanish Society of Catalysis (SECAT) and Ibero-American Federation of Catalysis. This, XXI SICAT provided an opportunity to review the forefront information and knowledge on Catalysis, and, more specifically, on how catalysis can help to improve the quality of life by helping to improve air and water quality, while producing environmentally more friendly chemical processes. The symposium involved 13 invited speakers from 8 countries, 200 oral presentations and 460 posters contributions.

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