

Preface

This volume of Catalysis Letters contains the Plenary lectures of the XIII Ibero-American Symposium on Catalysis which was held in Segovia (Spain) in the second week of July 1992, (quintcentennial of the American Discovery), under the patronage of the Sociedad Iberoamericana de Catálisis.

The aim of the Symposia is the interchange of new ideas and knowledge among specialists in Catalysis of the Ibero-American Community, but they are also open to all other international scientists and technicians related to the area of Catalysis.

Around 350 specialists from Universities, Industrial Labs and Research Institutes, from twenty countries, most of them of the Ibero-American Region, took part in the Conference and held profitable discussions on 312 scientific papers, lectures and posters. In the sessions, also relevant scientists from European countries and USA were present.

No important topic in Catalysis was omitted in the sessions and contributions on environmental pollution control were numerous. From the discussions emerged the decision of a deeper collaboration among countries to face the world challenge of a better quality of life.

In the Closing Session, Professor Patricio Reyes, from Concepcion (Chile), invited all Congressists to take part in the next XIV Ibero-American Symposium to be held in Concepcion (Chile) in September 1994.

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