

Proceeding. The Third International Conference of the Kolloid-Gesellschaft was held on 25–28 September 2000 at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences in Budapest. The conference was jointly organized by the Colloidal Committee of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences and the Kolloid-Gesellschaft.

The scientific cooperation between Hungary and Germany goes back to 1925 when Aladár von Buzágh joined the group of Wolfgang Ostwald in Leipzig and later the group of Herbert Freundlich in Berlin. In 1935, he established the first laboratory of colloid science in Hungary at the University of Budapest.

The subject of the Third International Conference was related to two fundamental topics of colloid science which are also important fields of science in Hungary:

adsorption and nanostructures – from theory to application. The scientific program was organized in the following sections: adsorption, dispersions, nanostructured materials, environmental aspects and surfactants/microemulsions. Most of the presentations will be published in *Progress in Colloid and Polymer Science* vol. 117, 2001.

The study of adsorption phenomena is related to two outstanding Hungarian scientists: Géza Schay (1900–1991) and Lajos György Nagy (1930–1999). The session on adsorption was dedicated to the memory of Lajos Nagy.

The conference was organized by Imre Dékány, his coworkers, and Krisztina László (Nagy) as the conference secretary. The chairman of the scientific committee was József Tóth, the secretary was Éva Kiss.

The conference chairmen, Gerhard Lagaly and Mikos Zrínyi, and the president of the Kolloid-Gesellschaft, Wolfgang von Rybinski, opened the conference. Milan Schwuger presented the Raphael Eduard Liesegang award of the Kolloid-Gesellschaft to Imre Dékány. This medal is awarded to midcareer scientists of outstanding international reputation.

We are very thankful to Imre Dékány and his crew for organizing this successful conference with about 140 participants. We enjoyed the Hungarian hospitality and the contact with Hungary's history in the Royal Castle of Gödöllő.

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