

## CONFERENCE REPORT

### ADC 2001

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Asian-Oceania Drying Conference

Penang, Malaysia

August 20-22, 2001

The third international drying conference of 2001 was held successfully in Penang, Malaysia. Like its predecessor conferences, e.g., the 1<sup>st</sup> Nordic Drying Conference (NDC'01) and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Inter-American Drying Conference (IADC'01) this conference attracted nearly 100 participants mainly from Asia with a few Keynote speakers from Norway and the U.S.A.

The main objective of the ADC series is to assemble experts in drying technology in the Asia-Oceania region from both academia and industry. This allows formation of effective networks to facilitate research collaboration and also avoid duplication of R&D effort in areas of common interest. The previous ADC was held in Bali, Indonesia in 1999.

ADC'01 consisted of eight Keynote lectures and 62 research/technical papers, which appear in the printed hard cover proceedings volume of 758 pages. A CD-ROM was also supplied to all participants. The proceedings volume as well as the CD-ROM can be obtained by contacting the conference Chairman, Professor Wan Ramli Wan Daud, at [wramli@vlsi.eng.ukm.my](mailto:wramli@vlsi.eng.ukm.my). The proceedings volume is divided into 15 sections. A quick perusal of the contents demonstrates the dominant interest in drying of food and agricultural products. A number of papers dealt with modeling of dryers, computational fluid dynamic applications, superheated steam drying and novel drying technologies. Despite the potential applications for the region very few papers dealt with drying of forest products as well as the use of renewable energy for drying. Also, much of R&D in the Asia region appears to be focused on applications rather than fundamentals. It is hoped that, in future, the ADC conferences will be able to attract a greater level of industrial participation and coverage of a broader spectrum of topics in drying and dryers.

The conference organizers deserve compliments for the organization of the physical arrangements and for producing a carefully edited elegant volume of the

proceedings. The follow-up conference, ADC'03, will be held in Bangkok, Thailand in 2003.

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