

**SOME FACTS & FIGURES FROM IDS2008, HYDERABAD, INDIA, NOVEMBER 2008**

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**Some figures of interest**

No of countries participating: 51

No of delegates: 325 (In spite of meltdown and economic turmoil)

No of Foreign delegates: 240

Maximum delegates from Brazil: 22

Maximum delegates from Europe: 110

No of continents: 6

No of Indian delegates: 85

**IDS2008 Statistics**

21 oral presentation sessions in parallel sessions (126 papers)

180 poster presentations

Banquet program at Moghul Garden with Bollywood night.

**Awards**

2 Plenary Lectures. IDS 2008, IDS2008, WFCFD Major Awards. Arun S. Mujumdar Medal Awarded to Prof. M. Roques of France. New Taylor & Francis Awards to Prof. Mujumdar of NUS and Prof. Z. Maroulis of National Technical University of Athens, Greece.

Official Meetings: IDS IP meeting; Drying Tech EAB meeting. New book - Guide to Industrial Drying- by Prof Mujumdar unveiled.

Exhibition Stalls (20) added industrial flavor to IDS2008.

**Unique attributes of IDS Series**

Like all IDS meeting, IDS2008 had a unique collegial, family atmosphere that sets these meetings apart from others. This has resulted in numerous successful networking and collaborative projects.