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#### **PREFACE**

This book includes papers presented at ESCAPE10, the 10<sup>th</sup> European Symposium on Computer Aided Process Engineering, held in Florence, Italy, from the 7<sup>th</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2000.

ESCAPE10 was the tenth event of a series, started in Elsinore Denmark in 1992, of annual Symposia promoted by the Working Party 'Computer Aided Process Engineering (CAPE)' established in 1966 by the 'European Federation of Chemical Engineering (EFCE)'. However, it must be acknowledged that the ESCAPE series emerged from a strong tradition of the Working Party dating back to 1968 when the first event on computer applications was organized in Tutzing, Germany. Twenty three such symposia were then organized in almost a dozen European countries before a new departure of the Working Party with the ESCAPE series.

Therefore, ESCAPE-10 was the 33<sup>rd</sup> event of the CAPE Working Party, and the 609<sup>th</sup> event of the EFCE. The most recent symposia were organized in Hungary, Budapest 1999 (ESCAPE-9), Bruges, Belgium 1998 (ESCAPE-8), Trondheim, Norway 1997 (ESCAPE-7) and in Rhodes, Greece 1996 (ESCAPE-6). ESCAPE-10 was organized by AIDIC, the Italian Association of Chemical Engineering, a member society of the European Federation of Chemical Engineering.

The ESCAPE-10 scientific program reflected two complementary strategic objectives of the CAPE Working Party: the former checked the status of historically consolidated topics by means of their industrial application and their emerging issues, while the latter was addressed to opening new windows to the CAPE audience by inviting adjacent Working Parties to co-operate in the creation of the technical program.

The former CAPE strategic objective was covered by the topics:

### Numerical Methods, Process Design and Synthesis, Dynamics & Control, Process Modeling, Simulation and Optimization.

The latter CAPE strategic objective derived from the EFCE promotion of scientific activities which autonomously and transversely work across the Working Parties terms of references. These activities should enhance the exchange of the know-how and knowledge acquired by different Working Parties in homologous fields. They also aim to discover complementary facets useful to the dissemination of WP's tools and of their novel procedures.

As a consequence the WP's 'Environmental Protection', 'Loss Prevention and Safety Promotion' and 'Multiphase Fluid Flow' were invited to assist in the organization of sessions in the area of:

# A Process Integrated approach for: Environmental Benefit, Loss Prevention and Safety, Computational Fluid Dynamics.

A total of 473 abstracts from all over the World were evaluated by the International Scientific Committee. Out of them 197 have been finally selected for the presentation and reported into this book. Their Authors come from 30 different Countries. The Selection of the papers was carried out by 28 international reviewers.

We hope that these proceedings will be a reference document to the scientific and industrial community and will contribute to the progress in Computer Aided Process Engineering.

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