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PREFACE

DRYING'92 constitutes the formal proceedings of the 8th International Drying Symposium (IDS'92) held in Montreal, August 2-5, 1992. As the Founder and Program Chairman of this biennial symposium series, I am delighted that the response to the call for papers far exceeded my most optimistic expectations in view of the current economic slowdown all over the world. Indeed, over 300 papers were offered but unfortunately not all could be accommodated in the IDS'92 papers. Some of the papers presented at IDS'92 are included in the 10th Anniversary Special issue of *Drying Technology - An International Journal*, Volume 10, No. 4, 1992. These papers do not appear in these proceedings volumes.

The continuing growth in drying R&D around the world - and particularly the recognition by industry of the significance of the solids drying operation - is reflected in the ever-increasing number of papers offered and presented at IDS meetings, regardless of where they are held. The impetus for this growth is provided not only by the energy-intensiveness of thermal drying but also by the hitherto-neglected environmental implications (e.g. greenhouse gas emission due to burning of fossil fuels), product quality, productivity enhancement, safety of operation etc. Readers will find papers covering all of these aspects in *DRYING'92*.

A quick scanning of the Contents will reveal that all aspects of drying and selected topics in nonthermal dewatering are covered in both depth and breadth; almost all industrial sectors where drying is a significant operation are represented. In addition, there are papers from academia and industry, and from different disciplines and various parts of the world. Thus IDS'92 has succeeded in meeting the prime motivating criteria of the series viz. to provide a truly global forum for exchange of ideas across disciplines and to encourage cross-fertilization of ideas across industrial sector boundaries. Indeed, I believe that IDS actually stands for ideas, novel and creative ideas that should enhance drying technology in the long term.

Organization of a conference such as IDS'92 is necessarily a collective effort of numerous dedicated and enthusiastic individuals from all continents. I am grateful to my associates at McGill, members of our Advisory Panel, the professional societies and companies (who are listed on following pages) for their tangible support of IDS'92, various journal editors and members of my family as well as my extended family of Research Associates, Post-doctoral Fellows, visiting scientists and graduate students who were always there to assist me when needed.

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