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This international symposium is organized to honor the very distinguished work and lifetime achievements of Prof. H.Y. Sohn. Prof. Sohn is renowned for his impact in various fields such as non-ferrous, ferrous and nano-scale materials processing; in many processing routes including pyrometallurgy, hydrometallurgy, chemical vapor synthesis and processing and recycling; and in several investigation techniques such as experimental measurements and physical modeling and simulation. This symposium reflects this rich activity and covers the three equally important topical areas of **principles, technologies and industrial practice**.

The symposium was cosponsored by a record number of 104 Professional Organizations, Independent Publishers including 9 financial corporate cosponsors. It drew an overwhelming response from the international professional community. The 517 contributions received from all over the world made this symposium the biggest ever held in its class. Papers were sent by authors representing the following 52 countries: USA, Japan, China, Russia, Korea South, Australia, Canada, Turkey, Chile, India, Georgia, Mexico, Brazil, France, South Africa, Finland, Belgium, Germany, Argentina, Austria, Sweden, Great Britain, Norway, Albania, Egypt, Ukraine, Iran, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Czech Republic, England, Israel, Italy, Malaysia, Netherlands, Taiwan, Armenia, Bangladesh, Belarus, Bulgaria, Holland, Hungary, Indonesia, Nigeria, Serbia, Slovakia Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Venezuela, Zambia. (The order is according to the number of papers received). This record number of papers left us no option but to prepare 9 separate volumes totaling about 5,000 pages, classified according to the topical areas mentioned above although it should be noted that there is not a clear-cut classification. We believe that these volumes will be a useful contribution to the professional community worldwide.

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Dr. Florian Kongoli would like to thank the Directors and staff of FLOGEN Technologies Inc. that not only sponsored financially the symposium but did the majority of the work. He wants to thank all the co-chairs of the symposium and especially Dr. Reddy for closer collaboration as well as all members of the international committees and authors. On a special note he wants to thank his wife Me. Migen Dibra for organizing a very interesting legal session and for graciously supporting him at a time when she was herself extremely busy working as a lawyer for a judge of the Quebec Court of Appeal. He also wants to thank his 6-year old son, Mr. Davis Kongoli, for forgiving the time that daddy was not staying with him as usual and his grand mother Madam Dibra for the help given during the extra hours of work dedicated to this symposium and proceedings.

Dr. Ramana G. Reddy wants to particularly thank the Chair of the symposium Dr. Florian Kongoli, whose leadership made this symposium in honor of Prof. Sohn such a big success. He also wants to thank both his wife, Mrs. Ramadevi Reddy, and his son, Mr. Bharat Reddy, for their continuous help and support.



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He has **about 18 years** of research and development and academic (lecturer) experience spread in many long time invited engagements in several continents, such as in **Australia, Europe, North America, South America and Asia**. He has a rich research background in both **pure and industry sponsored research** dealing with the control, optimization and automation of furnaces, processes and flowsheets; physical and thermochemical modeling; physicochemical properties mattes, slags, metals, gases, oxysulfides etc. He has worked and successfully carried out many industrial projects for more than 47 well-known metallurgical and chemical companies such as **Mitsubishi Materials Corporation and Sumitomo Metal Mining (Japan), Falconbridge (Canada), Western Mining Corporation (Australia)**, to mention just a few. In his pure research work he has worked and cooperated with several well-known universities around the world such as **Tohoku University (Japan), Curtin University (Australia), University of Montreal (Canada)**, etc. His work is oriented among others in developing new low cost technologies for process and furnace control through physical and physicochemical modeling, simulation and laboratory experimental studies applicable in various metallurgical, chemical and environmental processes in both non-ferrous (Ni, Cu, Zn, Pb, Fe-Ni, Fe-Cr, PGMs, etc.) extraction and processing as well as in iron and steel making and processing

Dr. Kongoli has published **4 books** and about **50 scientific articles in the last 5 years** in peer review journals and other publications dealing with furnace control, optimization and automation, novel technological applications, modeling of various properties of industrial mattes, slags, metals, liquidus temperature, phase diagrams, effect of minor components, fluxing strategies, etc. He has delivered in 19 countries around the world about **130 plenary, keynote and invited presentations as well as articles, technical reports and research presentations**. The results of his work and some of his databases have been used by several companies around the world. He has also taught several continuing education/short courses including **"Sulfide Smelting: Principles, Technologies and Environmental Considerations"** held in San Diego, CA, 2003

He has served in many **leadership positions** in national and international organizations. He has been and actually is Chair/Vice-Chair/member of about **20 professional society committees** and has been a chair of about **15 technical sessions**. He is **Editorial Board member** of European Journal of Mineral Processing and Environmental Protection and the Minerals and Metallurgical Processing Journal and a peer reviewer of articles in various professional journals. He has organized several major successful International Symposiums during the last years and has been member of Organizing Committees or Scientific Committees of about a **dozen** of Professional International conferences.

He has excellent business management and organizations skills which have been instrumental in steering his company toward new ground breaking technologies.

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Professor Reddy has over **25 years of teaching and research experience** in the field of chemical and materials engineering. He obtained his Ph.D. degree from the University of Utah. He has conducted projects involving **thermodynamics and kinetics** of metallurgical reactions; plasma processing of materials, molten salts and ionic liquids electrolysis, and fuel cells.

He has **published over 286 research papers** in more than 40 journals and **10 books** including one undergraduate student **textbook in thermodynamics**. He has also delivered more than **168 invited lectures** and research presentations (43 invited, 12 distinguished /plenary and 4 keynote) in **20 nations** (United States, Austria, Australia, Belgium, Canada, Chile, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, India, Italy, Japan, Kuwait, Mexico, Netherlands, South Africa, Sweden, Turkey, and the United Kingdom). He is the recipient of **3 USA patents**.

As an Endowed Chair Professor in the college of engineering and administrator of many research projects (funding from including NSF, DOE, DOD, Industries), Dr. Reddy **advised and worked with over 75 research scholars, students and visiting scientists**. For his outstanding contribution to the field, **his alma mater** the University of Utah **recognized** him as a John Lewis **Distinguished Lecturer of the year**.

Dr. Reddy has served in many **leadership positions** within the College of Engineering, University and other national and international organizations. **Chair/member of 24 professional societies committees, 43 technical sessions, and 25 public and universities committees; consultant to 25 industries, federal institutions and Universities; taught 12 continuing education/short courses; Associate Editor of Journal of Phase Equilibria and Diffusion and Editor-in-chief of an International Journal for Manufacturing Science & Production**. He is serving on several committees at the materials societies including TMS, SME and ASM international. He has successfully **organized 18 national and international symposia** including most recently the National Science Foundation **2003 NSF Design, Service, and Manufacturing Grantees and Research Conference**. He was **appointed as the University of Alabama Coordinator** for the National Space Science and Technology Center (NSSTC) and NASA, and served as **Council Member** for the **Alabama State Committee** for Department of Defense-EPSCoR programs.

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