

FOREWORD

In April this year a second International Symposium on Applications of Analytical Chemical Techniques to Industrial Process Control was held in Noordwijkerhout, The Netherlands. Although a growing awareness of the importance of process analytical chemistry can be observed, the basis of this ANATECH'90 symposium was the same as that of the first ANATECH meeting in 1986: to bridge the gap between industrial and academic analytical chemists and those involved in process analysis and actual control of chemical processes.

In a foreword to the Proceedings of the ANATECH'86 conference it was stated that the need for process analysis will steadily increase due to the strong competition, the ever-increasing demands on the quality of products and the need for optimal use of raw materials and energy, whereas the more stringent statutory regulations ask also for more on-stream analysis. The contributions to the last meeting show that this has come true, but also that the development, though steady, is slow.

The papers in these Proceedings show the wide variety of techniques and applications involved in today's process analytical chemistry.

The active participation of over 200 attendants from 23 different countries reflects the general interest for this area of analytical chemistry and gives confidence that the ANATECH-meetings to follow (1992 in Atlanta, U.S.A. and 1994 in Arles, France) will be as successful as the first two ones.

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