



International Adsorption Society News

Fundamentals of Adsorption FOA8 Meeting May 23–28, 2004 in Sedona, AZ, USA

The conference, with Prof. Orhan Talu as chair, was perfectly organized and an absolute success, in terms of its scientific content and social aspects. Well attended with 340 people from 36 different countries, there were 323 papers presented, with keynote papers by Katsumi Kaneko, Peter Monson and Jean Rouquerol. Some 150 papers were selected after peer reviewing for publication in the conference proceedings in the journal *Adsorption*.

The members present at the IAS General Meeting, held during the conference, voted for a new board. Remain for 3 more years: Douglas LeVan, Celio Cavalcante, Frank Notaro, Linda Wang, Hiro Yoshida, and Gino Baron as Immediate Past President. Were elected: Katsumi Kaneko, President, Orhan Talu, Vice-President and K. Knaebel, Secretary. Given the wish for a regional balance, the following members were either elected or appointed as board members: Peter Monson, Kazuyuki Chihara, Tony Chiang, Jun Izumi, Chang-Ha Lee, Li Zhou, Stefano Brandani, Alain Fuchs, Philip Llewelyn, Marco Mazotti and Reiner Staudt.

The General Assembly also decided to hold the next FOA9 in Sicily, Taormina, 20–25 May, 2007, with as Chair Marco Mazzotti, from the ETH, Zürich, Switzerland. Taormina is located on the shores of the Mediterranean and right next to Mount Etna. Information will be available in the coming months through the IAS website.

During the Banquet with line dancing in the best Western style, special thanks were expressed towards Kent and Pam Knaebel, who every day of the year work hard behind the scenes for the Journal and the Society. Their continuous dedication has been instrumental to the success of the IAS and this meeting. The host and Chairman Prof. Orhan Talu, but also his staff and Mrs. Talu, were also congratulated and warmly thanked by the IAS for their efforts during 3 years in setting up and running this superb scientific meeting at an awesome location which will be remembered by all of us.

My term as President of the IAS terminated on July 1st and I wish good luck to the Society and its new President, Prof. K. Kaneko.

Gino Baron
Immediate Past President, IAS