

## Preface

The present special issue of Catalysis Today contains papers presented in the session of Environmental Catalysis and Reaction Engineering during the 2003 Annual AIChE Meeting in San Francisco, California, USA.

This special issue is a collection of 11 papers that touch on selected fields of Environmental Catalysis and Reactor Design. This selection of papers is not meant to be completely comprehensive since they can only reflect the interests of the participants at this meeting rather than a balanced view of the whole subject of pollution control. Nevertheless, the papers selected for this special issue cover some of the main topics of environmental catalysis, such as NO<sub>x</sub> reduction, NO<sub>x</sub> storage–reduction, soot/particulate removal, water treatment, and VOC removal.

We hope that this present special issue of Catalysis Today will continue to stimulate more investigations in environ-

mental catalysis and we hope this issue stimulates ideas leading to breakthrough technologies.

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