

Editorial

China is a huge country, with an economy that is rapidly growing. Many foreign chemical and oil companies are now taking an interest in helping the development of China's great natural resources and markets. This should also help to stimulate progress in the home technology base. In the field of chemical engineering, many research groups are now contributing new ideas in science and technology, though these groups are often not well known outside the country. It seems therefore an appropriate moment to gather together some descriptions of this work, so as to give a picture of the breadth of the research activity.

We are conscious that our survey is not complete – our apologies to those who may feel left out! However we do present here work from a number of different institutions in

different places, on a range of topics from scientific fundamentals to process applications.

Preparing this Special Issue has presented some editorial challenges, and not all the accepted papers have made it to our (extended) deadline. They may appear separately in future issues of the Journal. We would like to thank all the authors who submitted work for this Special Issue, and also our team of referees for their essential contribution.

We hope that you, the reader, find this a useful snapshot of chemical engineering research in China.

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