

## Editorial

The CHISA conference, or, to give it its full title, the International Congress of Chemical and Process Engineering, occupies a special place in the round of international meetings that bring chemical engineers together. For many years the CHISA conferences were a rare opportunity for people from different economic blocks to get together to talk about their work, and to make the social contacts that were, and still are, essential to the progress of science and technology. This tradition of *inclusiveness* is still a feature of the CHISA conferences, and in the superb environment of the beautiful city of Prague, the event plays host to chemical engineers

from all over the world. These words are being written as the 14th CHISA is about to start (August 2000).

This special issue of seven papers presents further developments of work originally described at the 13th CHISA in 1998, four on the topic of electrochemistry, and three on novel separations. We hope you find these papers interesting – they give just a flavour of the technical side of one of the great chemical engineering conferences.

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