

## Book Reviews

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*Hazardous Waste: Detection, Control, Treatment*, edited by R. Abbou, Elsevier, Amsterdam, 1988, 2 Vols., Part A and Part B, ISBN Nos. 0-444-42-985-9, Part A and 0-444-429-86-7, Part B, and 0-444-42988-3 for the set, XXXI 838 pp., price per set: Dfl. 875 (ca. US\$ 460).

These two books contain 162 papers in both French and English comprising the proceedings of the World Conference on Hazardous Waste held in Budapest, Hungary, 25-31 October 1987. Both the editor and publisher are to be congratulated for the speed of publication made possible by photo-reproduction of the available manuscripts.

The Congress was devoted to suggesting solutions to the global problems of hazardous waste and the search for ways of achieving reasonable cooperation between scientists, experts and policy-makers. The participants in this Congress were able to formulate suggestions and recommendations on a global level considering the most acute and pressing problem of hazardous wastes. The editor has divided the papers into the following sections:

*Part A*

1. Definitions of hazardous waste
2. Present status and trends in legislation and regulations
3. Data collection, analysis and control systems
4. Ecological impact

*Part B*

5. Health impact
6. Technological state of the art
7. Economic and psycho-sociological aspects

Furthermore, the work contains short summaries of panel discussions, and an author index.

Time precluded my reading all of the 162 papers, but those I did read were generally well written and contained much useful information. Of course, my reading was generally constricted to the area of personal interest but I found at least a dozen papers in that category.

I was also impressed in reading the titles of the papers by the wide variety of research and of hazardous waste in many different countries. In this context, the proceedings of the International Conference provide a very useful global assessment of the hazardous waste field.

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