

mainstay of the literature of the hazardous waste treatment field for years to come.

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This international conference on protection of the environment was first held in 1967 in Poland to discuss the result of United States-Poland funded research projects. Subsequent conferences were held in 1979, 1981, 1982 and 1985.

This, the sixth conference, was held in Italy in 1987, and the Proceedings contain 85 papers submitted by authors from 15 different countries, with U.S. scientists providing almost half the papers. The conference evolved from a water pollution control focus in the early days into a multi-media focused conference in 1987; however, water-related concerns still dominate the proceedings, with three-quarters of the papers being water pollution-related. The rest of the papers were on solid/hazardous waste (15%) and air (10%) topics. Although not noted explicitly in the Proceedings, the very high quality of the research/writing presented leads me to believe that the papers were peer reviewed.

As a researcher with a rather broad interest in all environmental media (but often in rather specialized fields), I found several papers of real interest and read them with enthusiasm. These ranged from the removal of heavy metals from industrial wastewaters to solid waste and landfill-heavy metals leachate. The book contains new, relevant and interesting data for me, so I assume it would for others.

Unlike most conference Proceedings, the book was typeset, a process I prefer to photoreproduction. There is an author index but no subject index. One minor criticism is the quality of the editing. Many of the foreign (non-English speaking-authored) papers could have been edited better to improve the quality of the English.

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