



Book reviews

Proceedings of the Sixth International In Situ and On-Site Bioremediation Symposium

Andrea Leeson and Victor Magar (Eds.), Battelle Press, Columbus, OH, 2001, Vol. 1, Bioremediation of MTBE, Alcohols, and Ethers, US\$ 65.00, 264 pp.; Vol. 2, Natural Attenuation of Environmental Contaminants, US\$ 65.00, 320 pp.; Vol. 3, Bioremediation of Energetics, Phenolics, and Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons, US\$ 80.00, 324 pp.; Vol. 4, Innovative Methods in Support of Bioremediation, US\$ 65.00, 205 pp.; Vol. 5, Phytoremediation, Wetlands, and Sediments, US\$ 60.00, 392 pp.; Vol. 6, Ex Situ Biological Treatment Technologies, US\$ 65.00, 432 pp.; Vol. 7, Anaerobic Degradation of Chlorinated Solvents, US\$ 75.00, 394 pp.; Vol. 8, Bioaugmentation, Biobarriers, and Biogeochemistry, US\$ 65.00, 264 pp.; Vol. 9, Bioremediation of Inorganic Compounds, US\$ 75.00, 384 pp.; Vol. 10, In Situ Aeration and Aerobic Remediation, US\$ 75.00, 360 pp.

Comprehensive, both topically and globally, is the only way to describe the proceedings of this conference held 4–6 June 2001 in San Diego, CA that focused “on the use of biological processes to remediate soil, groundwater and sediment contamination and to treat industrial waste.” The proceedings’ 10 volumes listed above contain over 350 8–10-page papers chosen from the 600 papers presented in 50 sessions. One cannot help being impressed by the variety of topics as described by the titles of the 10 volumes as well as the sources of these papers both geographically (worldwide) and institutionally (universities, consulting firms, governments and industries). I seriously considered reviewing each volume separately but decided not to as the title of each individual volume well-represents its contents. Moreover, such a review would have been repetitive.

Authors are identified by organization and location. I would have liked titles and mailing addresses (perhaps even e-mail addresses) also. That information would have simplified contact with the authors.

Battelle Press and the editors are to be commended for the timeliness of publication of the proceedings so soon after the conference. I note also that the older proceedings from the first conference onwards (the first conference was in 1998) still are available. In my opinion, the complete series should be available in every university and research laboratory library.

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Air Pollution Control Technology Handbook

Karl B. Schnelle, Jr. and Charles A. Brown (Eds.), CRC Press, Boca Raton, FL, 2002, 408 pp., US\$ 139.95