



Preface

The Inaugural Metallocene Catalysis Symposium @ ICES, Singapore

The Inaugural Metallocene Catalysis Symposium at The Institute of Chemical & Engineering Sciences (ICES) Ltd, was held from 10 to 12 November 2004. The Symposia highlights the collaborative research efforts between ICES and NUS in the field of homogeneous catalysis. The symposium has brought together over 150 participants from Europe (Finland, France, Germany, Switzerland and the United Kingdom) stretching across South East Asia (Thailand, Indonesia), Australia, East Asia (China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Korea and Japan) to the Americas (United States and Mexico). Industrial participants at the Symposia included Argonaut Technologies Inc., Borealis, Bruker Biospin, Dow Chemicals, The Embassy of France, Jeol, Mitsui Chemicals Inc., M. Braun Inertgas-Systeme, PTT (Thailand), ScienTec Consulting, Sigma–Aldrich, Thompson Scientific and Werkstatt Asia Technologies.

The symposium presentations covered a wide range of topics. Beginning from basic catalytic chemistry to applications of metallocene and metallocenyl sandwich complexes, half sandwich complexes to post-metallocene complexes. A

highlight of this symposium was the Young Researchers Forum. This forum was specially created to promote interactions of younger chemists with their more experienced counterparts in homogeneous catalysis.

We are also indebted to the editors of the Journal of Organometallic Chemistry and her publisher, Elsevier, for graciously sponsoring this special issue.

The papers presented in this issue only represent a small sample of the chemistry discussed at the meeting. As the secretary of the Symposium, it is my great pleasure to present this special volume.

Secretary

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