



Let me talk about an event that is rather special to the Brazilian phase diagrams community, the CALPHAD meeting that will be held in Rio de Janeiro, on May 22 to 27, next year. It is a special meeting for many reasons for the researchers that read this periodical. The major subject is, of course, phase diagrams and their applications, including equilibrium and nonequilibrium conditions. So, the meeting is related to everyone that finds something important in this Journal. It is also a gathering of friends that get together almost every year. They do what friends do best; they help each other reach their goals. This is the main reason for the next year CALPHAD to be such a special meeting to the Brazilian community.

Computer calculation of phase diagrams started in Brazil in the 1980s, but it was really boosted after the First Brazilian Workshop on Computational Thermodynamics, organized by André da Costa e Silva in 1997 and held in Volta Redonda, an industrial town in the state of Rio de Janeiro. At that time, we had the opportunity to interact with three of the major players in this field: Bo

Sundman, Ibrahim (Himo) Ansara e Suzana Fries. They were our mentors on the calculation of phase diagrams and their applications. These researchers would come back to Brazil on many other opportunities in the following years to share their knowledge with us. We had workshops in 1998, 2002, 2007, 2008, and 2009 as well as sessions dedicated to Phase Diagrams in our materials society (ABM) annual meeting. Günther Effenberg, Olga Fabrichnaya, Tetsuo Mohri, Didier de Fontaine, Berndt Boettger, Jerzy Golzewski, Gerhard Inden, and Tim Chart were some of those we had the privilege to have lecturing in different opportunities in Brazil. All these people and many others in more recent years have been important presences at CALPHAD meetings, and we are grateful to all of them.

Now the time has arrived for the Brazilian community to host the next CALPHAD meeting. It is an opportunity for us to express our gratitude to the international community that helped to foster the science and application of phase diagrams in Brazil. For us, it is a coming of age and we would like to invite all to come and join us in this celebration, bringing and sharing with us your results, theories and findings on the broad subject of CALPHAD in this wonderful location. This meeting is being organized by André da Costa e Silva, who has been the anchor for the Brazilian Committee for Phase Diagrams of Materials since its inception. We also express our thanks to him.

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