

Editorial

In this issue, it is a pleasure to continue the series of occasional columns in which the different national ceramic societies in Europe have the opportunity to introduce themselves. We welcome:

The Portuguese Ceramic and Glass Society (Sociedade Portuguesa de Ceramica e do Vidro—SPCV)

The rapid development of the Portuguese ceramics and glass industries and the establishment of the Department of Ceramic and Glass Engineering at the University of Aveiro prompted Portuguese scientists, engineers and industrialists to found, in 1980, the Portuguese Ceramic and Glass Society.

The Society has more than 300 members in Portugal and its head office is at the Department of Ceramic and Glass Engineering, University of Aveiro.

The objectives of the Portuguese Ceramic and Glass Society include the development of Portuguese ceramics and glass through scientific, technological, artistic and cultural means.

Since its foundation, a lively programme of meetings has been held, covering such topics as raw materials for ceramics and glass, automation and productivity, design for ceramics and glass, the Portuguese ceramics industry and the European Common Market. The Society has promoted and sponsored international meetings, particularly in conjunction with the Spanish Ceramic and Glass Society.

The Portuguese Ceramic and Glass Society's informative journal 'Revista de Sociedade Portuguesa de Ceramica e do Vidro' was first published in 1982, carrying to Society members scientific, technological and general information relating to ceramics and glass. Some fifteen numbers have, on a non-regular basis, been published.