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MEETING REPORT

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SUPERCRITICAL FLUIDS, March 23-25, 1998, Nice, France.

The fifth meeting on supercritical fluids was held in Nice on March 23-25, 1998. It was focused on materials and natural products processing.

The scientific programme (185 communications) demonstrates the extreme interest dedicated to materials processing (70 communications) and, especially, polymers and pharmaceuticals, and the continuous development of applications on natural products (61 communications).

Many other themes were also considered: reactions, physicochemical properties, process chromatography

Very promising results were disclosed concerning reactions in supercritical fluids that will probably become a major domain of development of SF applications by the next decade.

During the technical visit to Arkopharma (Carros-F), the conferees were shown a large-scale extraction plant mainly dedicated to medicinal plants processing.

330 scientists, originated from 35 countries, attended the meeting, 40% from industry and 40% from public research and universities.

Proceedings from the conference may be obtained from Int'l Soc. for the Adv. on Supercritical Fluids, 1, rue Grandville, BP 451, F-54001 Nancy Cedex, France.