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**POSTDOCTORAL COURSE ON DEGRADATION  
AND STABILISATION OF POLYMERIC MATERIALS**

**TURIN, ITALY, OCTOBER 26-30, 1992**

The purpose of course is to provide the basic information on mechanistic aspects of degradation and stabilisation processes of most practical relevance, together with the state of the art. The lecturers are well-known leading experts in the field and will be available for informal discussions.

The course will be held in English.

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**INDUSTRIAL AND RESEARCH APPLICATIONS OF THERMAL ANALYSIS - AN INTENSIVE SHORT COURSE**

**AN INTENSIVE ONE DAY COURSE ON "INDUSTRIAL AND RESEARCH APPLICATIONS OF THERMAL ANALYSIS" WILL BE HELD IN LEEDS ON MAY 20th, 1992**

The course is being organised by the Thermal Analysis Consultancy Service, Leeds Polytechnic and will be specifically concerned with the application of DSC, DTA, TG, EGA, thermomechanical methods, and thermo- microscopy

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to the study of problems of industrial and research interest. In addition the important area of standardisation and calibration will also be covered.

The lecturers will be Prof. P. A. Barnes (Leeds Polytechnic), Prof. E. L. Charsley (TACS, Leeds Polytechnic), Mr. P. Haines (Kingston Polytechnic), Dr. M. Reading (ICI Paints) and Dr. S. B. Warrington (TACS, Leeds Polytechnic).

The meeting will be chaired by Dr. P. G. Laye, (Leeds University).

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## **FROM THE NETHERLANDS**

**ON THE OCCASION OF THE 25th ANNIVERSARY OF THE THERMAL ANALYSIS SOCIETY, THE TAWN, A TWO-DAY CONFERENCE WAS ORGANIZED IN WAGENINGEN ON OCTOBER 1 AND 2 (1991)**

The scientific committee had composed a broad program around several aspects of thermal analysis and calorimetry.

Lectures and discussions were alternated with poster sessions and instrument demonstrations. About 150 participants joined the meetings.

The organization committee had not an easy job in providing a complete social program in combination with the scientific program. This social program included not only coffee and lunch breaks, but also the conference dinner and a reception at the University of Wageningen.

The opening lecture was given by Prof. L. van der Plas about the history of the TAWN. Prof. van der Plas is one of the founders of the TAWN in 1966.

The scientific sections were titled: "Catalysts and Inorganic Chemistry", "Polymers", "Methods and Techniques", "Pharmacy and Biochemistry", "Miscellanies" and "Thermotroubles". Most lectures were given by Dutch or Belgian scientists, but also Prof. Beezer (University of Canterbury) and Prof. Wunderlich (University of Tennessee) presented interesting lectures.

Some titles of lectures were: "Calorimetric measurements on the effect of environmental factors of the energy metabolism of living fishes" (Prof. Adink, Leiden University) and "Taxes and Thermal Analysis, an unexpected combination" (Mrs. Brouwers). In the section "Thermotroubles" short com-

munications were presented about problems and/or solutions in Thermal Analysis measurements. Some subjects were: "Static electricity problems in TG measurements" (G. Hakvoort), and "Do not trust the purity of your gas phase" (Prof. J. Mullens).

Because the organization committee had organized a lot of sponsors, not only the conference fee was very low, but also a number of scientific books could be raffled during the conference dinner. Last, but not least, can be mentioned, that the conference was attended by a special guest, namely Mr. S. L. Boersma, the inventor of the Boersma cell (being the precursor of the heat flux DSC).

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Fig. 1 Conference dinner

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From right to left: G. Hakvoort, Mr. V. B. F. Mathot (President of the TAWN), Mr. S. L. Boersma (Inventor of the Boersma Cell), Mr. H. Berden (Mettler-Toledo).