

EDITORIAL

While we are preparing for the 10th ICTA, the greatest reunion of the thermal world we can't help remembering the memorable pictures of the former ICTA conferences. How interesting that England was the cradle of ICTA and the tenth ICTA will be held also here.

Each ICTA conference contributed to the development of a strong world-wide thermal society, the members of which kept in touch with each other between conferences as well.

Every conference had a specific feature beside its high scientific programs. Just think of the experience of the first meeting in Aberdeen (1965), the charm of Massachusetts (1968), the picturesque surroundings of Davos (1971) the hospitality of Budapest (1974), the mystery of Kyoto (1977), the special atmosphere of Bayreuth (1980), the generosity of Kingston (1982), the polyphony of Bratislava (1985), and last but not least the wonder of Jerusalem (1988).

I do believe this 10th ICTA will be basically different from the previous ones. In the meanwhile historical changes have taken place in Europe. The Eastern European countries and Russia have been making efforts to join Europe from all points of view. The scientists coming from these countries are fairly highly qualified but they did not have the chance to get completely acquainted with the high-technology due to several restrictions.

But now the situation has entirely been changed. The possible market for the western companies has become broader. Consequently, the significance of instrument shows, and the introduction of the main features of each instrument is getting more and more important. It is certainly a new challenge for the instrument manufacturers.

This preliminary leaflet wants to help both the producers and customers to make these products known.

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