

Report on J. Med. C.A.T.

Mediterranean Days of Calorimetry and Thermal Analysis was held at Corsican Corte from 12 to 16 of September 1993, at the University of Corsica "Pasquale Paoli". More than 200 participants (professors, researchers, professionals and aspirants) took part in this excellent conference in the heart of the Corsican mountains for 5 days.

At previous scientific meetings it was projected that the Italian associations AICAT and GICAT, Spanish association GECAT and the French one would be called to the same manifestation. This scientific project would signify the salutation to the (new) EUROPE.

Thus, after several fruitful meetings and discussions of representatives of associations, the principle of Mediterranean Days of Calorimetry and Thermal Analysis was accepted by everyone, and expressing the Mediterranean dimension to this unique manifestation, the application of University of Corsica was accepted.

This University, in Corsica, was founded in 1765 by Pasquale Paoli, "father" of Corsica, a true leader of the country. In 1768 it was closed until 1981, when the doors were reopened again. So today it is a young university, working on establishing educational and research institutes. Actually 3000 students follow the studies on 3 faculties: Law and Economy, Literature and Human Sciences and Technical Sciences. Technological Institute of University has 3 departments.

Reception of researchers of the International Community was a great honour for this young university, and all the Corsican region. The Congress gives concrete evidence of the maturation of the university, like professor A. F. Bernardini, the President of the University emphasized in his speech at the opening ceremony.

The statistical data are as follows:

- 212 participants
- 16 represented nations
- 11 invited lectures
- 60 oral lectures
- 90 permanent posters
- exhibition of scientific instruments.

Numerous topics were presented during the event covering almost all the main domains of thermal analysis and calorimetry.

Donation of Calvet prize of AFCAT to professor Stanislas Randzio from Warsaw University (Poland) was a great moment of the congress in the presence of M. J. Baggioni, the president of Corsican Regional Governmental Administration, whose active support was important to the congress. The awarded scien-

tist gave afterwards a brilliant lecture. The president of Corsican University invited the participants including the Rector of Academy and official representatives of the state to a party. The closing ceremony was followed by a performance of the chorus of Corte "A MANELLA".

The participants had possibilities to admire the different countryside of Corsica. One can thank the reception to the mayors of the towns Corte and Bastia and the president of the General Council of Upper Corsica.

The Faculty of Science of Corsican University, its dean, the Student Centre and the director took part in the organisation a lot. We hope that you enjoyed the traditional Corsican hospitality, and we can see you again in our island.



Professor Nicole Balbi
President of the Organising Committee

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