ASIANALYSIS II

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The meeting of ASIANALYSIS, the Asian Conference on Analytical Chemistry, was held at Nanhu (South Lake) Hotel, Changchun, China, on August 9–13, 1993. This marked the second event in the biennial series of a forum of Asian analytical chemists.

ASIANALYSIS was founded on the occasion of the IUPAC International Congress on Analytical Sciences, ICAS '91, which was held in Makuhari-Messe, Chiba, Japan, in August, 1991. The aim of the organization is to provide a broad forum for Asian analytical chemists to exchange and share new advances and information covering the wide range of analytical sciences. It is also intended to establish intimate cooperation and friendship among Asian analytical chemistry communities through the discussion of topics of mutual interest.

The second conference, ASIANALYSIS II, was organized by Professor Erkang Wang of Changchun Institute of Applied Chemistry under the joint sponsorship of the Third World Academy of Sciences, Chinese Chemical Society, Chinese Academy of Sciences, National Natural Science Foundation of China, and Changchun Branch of the Chinese Academy of Sciences. The conference covered the following topics: Atomic Spectroscopy, Bioanalytical Chemistry, Chemometrics and Robotics, Chromatography and Separation Sciences, Electroanalytical Chemistry, Environmental Analysis, Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy, Mass Spectrometry, Molecular Spectrometry, Surface Analysis, Teaching and Education in Analytical Chemistry, Trace Analysis, X-Ray Spectroscopy, and other topics.

Delegations from more than twenty countries and areas including Japan, Korea, India, Hong Kong, Iran, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, Vietnam,

Zimbabwe, Russia, France, UK, USA, Austria, Czech Republic, Papua New Guinea, Italy and Sweden participated in the symposium together with many Chinese scientists. Twelve invited papers and three hundred and thirty-two contributed papers were presented, covering almost all aspects of analytical chemistry; two hundred and sixteen papers were presented orally and one hundred and sixteen as posters.

The International Advisory Board and the Organizing Committee of ASIANALYSIS II decided that the ASIANALYSIS meeting should be succeeded by a third one, ASIANALYSIS III, which is to be held in Korea, in 1995. It was also decided that some important papers should be published as a special report covering ASIANALYSIS II in an ordinary issue of *Analytical Sciences*, the international journal from the Japan Society for Analytical Chemistry. As the last event in 1991, the papers dedicated to ASIANALYSIS I were presented in a special issue (Vol. 7, supplement, 1991) of this journal together with the general papers presented at IUPAC ICAS '91.

On behalf of the International Advisory Board, the Organizing Committee, and the Japan Society for Analytical Chemistry, we are very pleased to deliver this special issue of ASIANALYSIS II in which some important papers presented at ASIANALYSIS II will appear collectively (as accepted for publication by the date of regular publication schedule; some are expected to appear in the subsequent issue). Just as the last special issue declared the inauguration of ASIANALYSIS, the special reports from ASIANALYSIS II in this issue should serve in the future as important documents tracing back the growth of ASIANALYSIS.