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Editorial

Indoor Air

Dear Reader,

In August 2008 the 11th International Conference on Indoor Air Quality and Climate, INDOOR AIR 2008, organized by the Technical University of Denmark (DTU) at Lyngby was held in Copenhagen. This was a very special conference since it marked the 30th anniversary of the first of this series of events, which also started out in Copenhagen. In 1978 Povl Ole Fanger, foreseeing the necessity of internationalizing the indoor-air sciences, invited a small number of experts to Denmark. INDOOR AIR rapidly developed into the most important and largest platform in this field and has been held every three years since 1978. In addition, Fanger played a decisive role in founding the International Society of Indoor Air Quality and Climate (ISIAQ), the International Academy of Indoor Air Sciences (IAIAS), now ISIAQ Academy of Fellows, and the journal *Indoor Air* (now published by Wiley-Blackwell). Even after becoming an emeritus professor in 2004, he kept his links to the indoor air sciences and it was a special concern for him and his successor Bjarne Olesen to bring INDOOR AIR 2008 back to Copenhagen. Unfortunately, Ole was not able to experience this himself: he passed away quite unexpectedly on September 18th, 2006 in Syracuse, NY, which meant that the conference could only be dedicated to his memory. With all honor due to Ole's services, we should also mention at this point the sudden deaths in 2006 of two

other founding members of the ISIAQ and the Academy, Marco Maroni and Ole Valbjørn.

It remained to Bjarne Olesen and his team from the International Center for Indoor Environment and Energy at the Technical University of Denmark (DTU) to host the 11th INDOOR AIR conference and arrange the program for more than 800 papers in 64 technical sessions and 33 discussion forums. The conference was extremely well organized and of high scientific importance. The papers only represented part of the attractiveness of this event, its real charm being the high degree of interdisciplinarity. Here, it was possible to talk with over one thousand individuals from different fields, such as medicine, health care, biology, chemistry, physics, engineering and architecture, and to gain insights into other disciplines. It is also interesting to observe how the core concerns of the indoor air sciences and of the INDOOR AIR conferences have shifted over the years. Back in 2002 Seifert [1] reported on this in Monterey, California. Another insightful article on this subject has just been published by Weschler [2]. We may look forward with interest to seeing what the next conference, INDOOR AIR 2011, organized by Rich Corsi in Austin, Texas, will focus on.

With its CLEAN – Soil, Air, Water journal Wiley-Blackwell is opening up another location, alongside the *Indoor Air* journal, for publishing research findings from the wide field of the indoor air sciences. We would like to extend our cordial thanks to Dr. Vera



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Koester of Wiley-Blackwell and to the Editor-in-Chief, Prof. Dr. Bahadir, for the invitation to be guest editors and for their kind support. Following an introductory review this special issue contains a total of 9 selected contributions, which were presented at INDOOR AIR 2008. Special thanks are also due to all of our colleagues who contributed as authors or referees.

We hope that the topics will give our readership a good impression of the diversity and fascination of this field. We hope, too, that the INDOOR AIR conferences and the CLEAN journal will con-

tinue to enjoy further positive developments to the benefit of all indoor-related scientists.

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