16th International Zeolite Conference *joint with the* **7th International Mesostructured Materials Symposium**



Meeting Report

The 16th International Zeolite Conference (16th IZC) joint with the 7th International Mesostructured Materials Symposium (7th IMMS) was held in Sorrento, Naples (Italy) from 4th to 9th July, 2010. The conference was organized by the Italian Zeolite Association (AIZ) and the Interdivisional Group of Catalysis of the Italian Chemical Society (GIC-SCI), together with IZA (International Zeolite Association) and IMMA (International Mesostructured Materials Association). The 16th IZC was preceded by a Pre-Conference school organized in Maiori, Salerno (Italy).

Likewise in the past, participants came from numerous countries spread around the world, what enhanced the international profile of the Conference. Over 800 researchers (71% delegates; 27% students; 2% retired) from 51 countries attended the IZC-IMMS2010 and more than 1000 abstracts were submitted.

Table 1 reports the number of registrants per type of participant. The ratio delegates + students/abstracts submitted was 0.73.

Table 1. Total number of registrants at IZC-IMMS 2010

Туре	Nr	ACCOMPANYING No
Delegates	502	
Delegates / Accompanying Persons	47	48
Emeritus Professor	9	
Emeritus Professor / Accompanying Persons	4	4
Retired Scientists	2	
Retired Scientists / Accompanying Persons	1	1
Student Fee	212	
Student Fee / Accompanying Persons	1	1
TOTAL	778	54

The distribution of submitted abstracts and the distribution of participants per country are shown in Figure 1 and Figure 2, respectively.

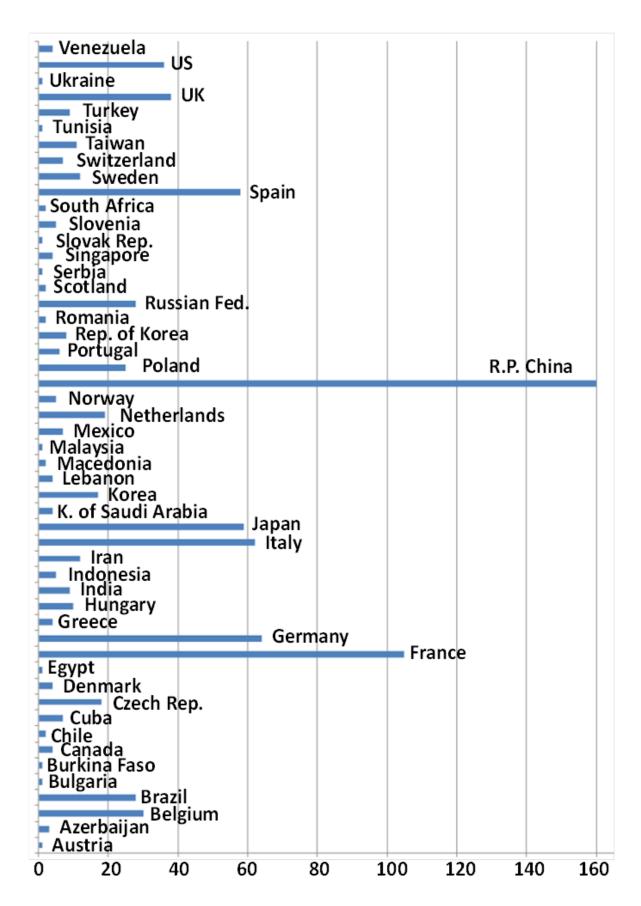


Figure 1. Distribution of submitted abstracts per country (total numer of countries. 51).

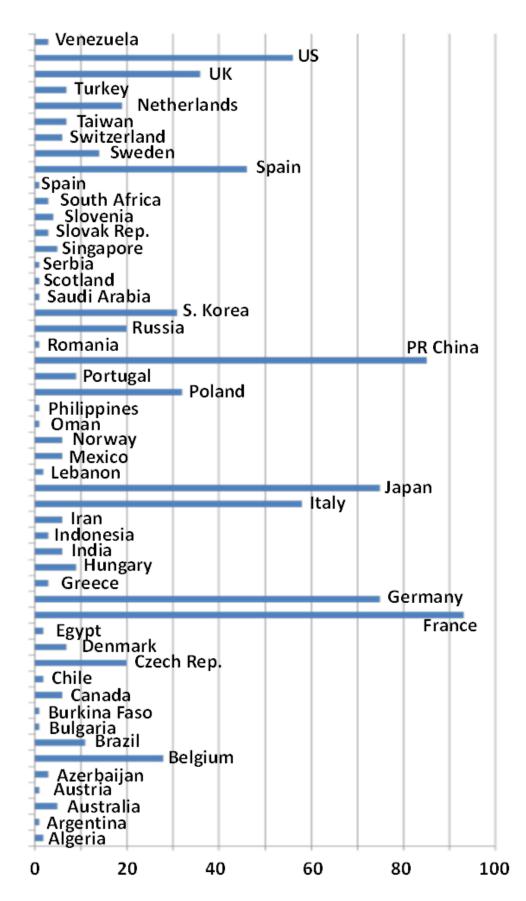


Figure 2. Distribution of participants per country (total numer of countries. 51).

The scientific contributions were presented in 5 *Plenary Lectures*, 13 *Keynote lectures*, 206 *Oral Presentations*, and for the first time in this conference series, in about 60 *Short Orals*. The scientific programme was completed by two afternoon poster sessions, with some 400 posters each including also the *Recent Research Reports*. The posters were evaluated by a scientific jury and prizes were awarded to the best two of them.

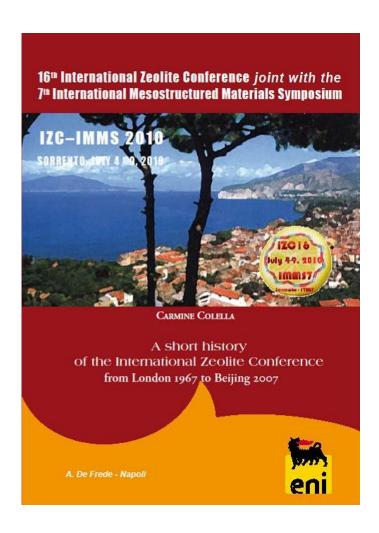
The Scientific Programme was organized in a five-day format (from Monday, July 5th through Friday, July 9th) in four parallel sessions (morning and afternoon) and time was allocated to the traditional IZA and IMMA business, as well as to the social events (coffee break, banquet, excursion) to promote human contacts. The submitted abstracts were organized in four main areas (1. Synthesis and Characterization; 2. Structure and Theory; 3. Applications; 4. New frontiers in Micro and Mesostructured Materials), in parallel scientific sessions.

Table 2 shows the distribution of the submitted abstracts per topics.

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Topic	Nr. Abstract												
1.1	240	1. Synthesis and	1.1 Advanced synthesis, crystal-growth and post-treatment										
1.2	56	Characterization	1.2 Insights on natural and synthetic MMM, and genesis conditions										
2.1	47	2. Structure and	2.1 Advances on structural aspects										
2.2	44	theory	2.2 Theory and computational design										
3.1	276		3.1 Catalysis and membranes										
3.2	115	3. Applications	3.2 Adsorption/diffusion and ion exchange										
4.1	96	4. New frontiers in	4.1 Hybrid and composite materials (CTF, ECS, MOF, PMO, ZIF, etc.)										
4.2	49	Micro and Mesostructured materials	4.2 New applications: bio-materials, nano-medicine, opto- and nano -electronics										
4.3	19		4.3 From minerals to materials										

In addition, a mini-symposium was organized by Carmine Colella (Federico II University, Napoli, Italy) to celebrate the father of zeolite chemistry, Richard Maling Barrer (Wellington, New Zealand, 16 June 1910 - Chislehurst, Kent, 12 September 1996) on the occasion of his birthday centenary. During the mini-symposium, four lectures were given, respectively, by Rosario Aiello, University of Calabria, Italy (*Contributions of R. M. Barrer to zeolite synthesis and modification*), Eric N. Coker, Advanced Materials Laboratory, Sandia National Laboratories, Albuquerque, NM, USA, (*Richard M. Barrer: A commentary on his contributions to the field of ion exchange in zeolites*), David E. W. Vaughan, Materials Res. Lab., The Pennsylvania State University, Pa, USA, on *Contributions of R. M. Barrer to zeolite sorption* and, last but not least, Carmine Colella *Key dates and highlights in the life and achievements of R.M. Barrer*. Furthermore, the book *A short history of the International Zeolite Conference*, written by Carmine Colella was launched.



This book, a very priceless database, containing all technical and practical details regarding the fifteen past International Zeolite Conferences, has been a precious gift for all participants to the IZC-IMMS 2010.

The Welcome Reception was held on Sunday evening July 4th.

Prof. F. Fajula, President of the International Association (IZA), and Prof. K. Kurodeas, President of the International Mesostructured Materials Association (IMMA), attended the Opening Ceremony on July 5th. The Opening ceremony was headed by Paolo Ciambelli, University of Salerno (Italy), the Chairman of the Local Organizing Committee, Gabriele Centi, University of Messina (Italy), Chairman of IZC-16, and Girolamo Giordano, University of Calabria (Italy), Chairman of IMMS-7.

It is impossible to review all the interesting oral and poster presentations spread throughout the five-day conference. Only one out of 206 selected oral contributions was not presented.

Five Plenary Lectures were presented:

- Synthesis of zeolites and industrial applications by Stacey Zones, Chevron Richmond, CA, USA;
- Mesoporous materials and new synthesis methods by Dongyuan Zhao,
 Fudan University, Shanghai, China;
- Challenge in the industrial zeolite catalysis by Rainer Albert Rakoczy, Süd-Chemie AG, Munich, Germany;
- Zeolites as key-components of new multifunctional nanomaterials by Luisa
 De Cola, Univ. Muenster, Germany
- Advanced characterization of micro- and meso-porous materials by Xiaodong Zou, Stockholm University, Sweden.

Thirteen Keynotes Lectures were presented, five of which selected from the submitted abstracts. Here is the list:

Hierarchical organized zeolite by Valentin Valtchev, ENSICAEN - CNRS,
 Caen, France;

- Deciphering the structural information in a powder diffraction pattern by Lynne B. McCusker, Laboratory of Crystallography, ETH Zurich, Switzerland;
- Optically and electrically responsive periodic mesoporous organosilicas by Shinji Inagaki, Toyota Central R&D Labs., Nagakute, Aichi, Japan;
- CO₂/CH₄ separation with AIPO-14 mixed matrix dense flms by Chunqing Liu, New Materials Research UOP LLC, Chicago, IL, USA;
- A new synthesis strategy for nanostructured zeolite architectures using zeolite structure-directing functional organic surfactant by Ryong Ryoo, Center for Functional Nanomaterials, Korea Advanced Institute for S&T, Daejeon, Korea;
- Application of natural zeolites in environmental remediation by Panagiotis Misaelides, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece;
- Mesoporous materials synthesized by Co structure-directing route by Shunai Che, School of Chemistry and Chemical Eng., Shanghai Jiaotong University, Shanghai, PR China
- Biomass to fuels: the challenges of zeolite and mesoporous materials by Carlo Perego, Centro Ricerche per le Energie Non Convenzionali - Eni Istituto Donegani, Novara (NO) Italy;
- Application of carbon based nanoporous materials by Ajayan Vinu, NIMS - IICT Materials Research Center, National Institute for Materials Science, Tsukuba, Japan;
- Membranes and films based on zeolites by Jesus Santamaria, Department of Chemical Engineering, University of Zaragoza, Spain;
- Mesopores in zeolite catalysts: An industrial view on a variety of synthesis routes by Sander Van Donk, Total Research Center, Refining & Base Chemicals Department, Feluy, Belgium;
- Advanced zeolitic materials for synthesis of fine chemicals by Takashi Tatsumi, Tokyo Institute of Technology, Japan;
- Adsorption-storage properties of MOF by Philip Llewellyn, CNRS UMR
 6264, Marseille, France.

The organization of the program gave participants time to interact and develop connections. In addition to welcoming cocktail and morning and afternoon coffee breaks, a sea excursion to Positano, with dinner in a typical restaurant and entertainment with local singers and dancers, was successfully organized on Wednesday, July 7th.

On Thursday July 8th the IZA Business Meeting was organized, including the presentation of the *2010 Breck Award* assigned to Yushan Yan (University of California at Riverside) and Ryong Ryoo (Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology) for their respective contributions in advancing the science of zeolite in thin films and the direct synthesis of zeolite nanosheets. Lynne B. McCusker (ETH Zurich) was selected as the new *IZA Ambassador*, in recognition of the seminal contributions she has made together with Christian Baerlocher to the crystallography of zeolites and for her continuous service to the zeolite community.

At the IZA Business Meeting, the IZA membership selected the venue for the 18th IZC in 2016: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and also seven new Council members: Giuseppe Bellussi, Miroslaw Derewinski, Eduardo Falabella, Girolamo Giordano, Tatsuya Okubo, Joaquin Perez-Pariente, Paul Wright. Furthermore. The new Executive Committee of the IZA Council was then elected as follow: Giuseppe Bellussi, President; Mingyuan He, Vice-President; Paul Wright, Secretary and Steve Wilson, Treasurer.

The Conference was concluded Friday, July 9th with closing remarks delivered by the co-Chairs G. Centi and G. Giordano.

The next International Zeolites Conference (IZC-17) will be held in 2013 in Moscow, Russia.

The 16th IZC was preceded by an intensive Pre-Conference School on "Advanced ordered porous materials and their potential applications", held in Maiori (Salerno), Italy, from July 2nd to July 3rd, 2010, organized by Alberto Alberti, Rosario Aiello, Ferruccio Trifirò and Paolo Ciambelli. About 50 participants took part in the two-day event, focused on discussions of the

application of advanced ordered porous materials in chemical processes. The programme included invited lectures from distinguished 3 poster presentations by young researchers.

The following lectures were delivered:

- From zeolites to new porous materials by Roberto Millini, Eni S.p.A. San Donato Milanese (MI), Italy;
- Synthesis and characterisation of aluminophosphate-based molecular sieves and their applications in adsorption and catalysis by Paul A. Wright, University of St. Andrews, North Haugh, Scotland;
- Hierarchical porous materials by Miroslaw Derewinski, Polish Academy of Sciences, Cracow, Poland;
- Designed construction of advanced inorganic and hybrid organic-inorganic materials by Clement Sanchez, Université Pierre et Marie Curie, Paris, France;
- Mesoporous organosilica materials: Studies, applications and perspectives
 by Michael Fröba, University of Hamburg, Germany;
- Mesoporous silica thin films by Plinio Innocenzi, University of Sassari, Italy;
- MOF: synthesis and characterization by Karl-Petter Lillerud, University of Oslo, Norway;
- Potential applications of porous MOFs by Christian Serre, Université de Versailles, France;
- Microporous mixed OPT framework silicates and light emitting microporous mixed OPT framework silicates and MOFs by João Rocha, University of Aveiro, Portugal;
- Reactivity and catalytic properties of transition metals in microporous materials by Zdenek Sobalik, Academy of Sciences, Prague, Czech Republic;
- Microporous materials for the novel "green" synthesis of caprolactame by Ferruccio Trifirò, University of Bologna, Italy.

Several grants were provided by International Zeolite Association (IZA) and were assigned to young researchers to encourage the participation.

The participants of the school were also encouraged to present posters on their work related to the theme of the school (27 posters were presented). The lunches and dinners were organized to encourage the participants to further discuss among themselves and with the teachers.

The school was really a pleasant event and was concluded with a final discussion chaired by School lecturers.



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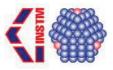


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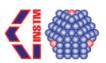
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