
Successful 6th ACC in Manila Highlights Advances of Chemistry in Asian Region

The Philippines successfully hosted the 6th Asian Chemical Congress (6ACC) simultaneously with the Asia-Pacific Food Analysis Network (APFAN) and the 11th Philippine Chemistry Congress from May 22 to 26, 1995. This convention, which was held at the Philippine Village Airport Hotel, was jointly organized by the Philippine Federation of Chemistry Societies (PFCSS), APFAN, and the Samahan sa Pilipinas ng mga Industriyang Kimika (SPIK), with support from the Department of Science and Technology (DOST).

The 6ACC was held under the auspices of the Federation of Asian Chemistry Societies (FACS) as its major biennial meeting. At the head of the National Organizing Committee were Dr. Benigno Peczon, chair, and Dr. Ester A. Garcia, co-chair.

The congress was well attended. There were 857 registrants for the 6ACC, with 768 local and 89 foreign participants; and 135 registrants for the APFAN, with 99 local and 36 foreign participants.

Some highlights: For the 6ACC, there were 7 plenary lectures, 12 keynote, 143 oral,

and 29 poster papers. For the APFAN, there were 48 oral and 21 poster papers. A satellite training course held on May 20 to 21 on advances in HPLC was attended by 46 persons. In addition, there were numerous technical lectures delivered by most of the 56 commercial exhibitors.

In addition to the technical sessions, a plenary discussion meeting was held on the important topic of networking among government, industry and academe and within the various disciplinary networks, in particular: Chemical Information, Environmental Chem-



Prof. You Xiao-Zeng delivering the FACS Foundation Lecture on the first day of the 6ACC.

istry, Food Analysis, Low-cost Instrumentation, Inorganic and Analytical Chemistry, and Natural Products Chemistry.

The Congress also marked the turnover of officers of the FACS Board. The out-going FACS president, Dr. Mohinder Singh of Malaysia, stepped down in favor of president-elect Dr. Fortunato Sevilla III of the Philippines. The new set of officers includes Dr. Peczon as Secretary General, Dr. Ishmael Ordoñez as Chair-

man of the Publications Committee and Editor of the FACS Newsletter and Prof. Hitoshi Ohtaki, in-coming president for 1997.

The Congress ended with a farewell banquet and a closing program which included a lively musical number by the Malaysian contingent lead by Dr. Singh.

Already preparations are underway for the 7th Asian Chemical Congress which will be held in 1997 in Hiroshima, Japan.



Press conference on opening day of the GACC. Seated from l-r are: Dr. Howard Bradbury, Prof. Hitoshi Ohtaki, Dr. Mohinder Singh, Senator Edgardo Angara, OOST Sec. William Padolina and Dr. Ester Garcia.



FACS EXCO Meeting held just after the GACC. From l-r: out-going General-Secretary Mr. Lim Teck Thai, Chairman of Publications Dr. Ishmael Ordoñez, Past-President Dr. Mohinder Singh, Coordinator of Projects Dr. Barry Noller, General-Secretary Dr. Benigno Peczon, President Dr. Fortunato Sevilla III, President-Elect Prof. Hitoshi Ohtaki and Prof. Yoshito Takeuchi.



Dr. Ma. Cristina Padolina cuts the ribbon to officially open the Exhibits while being assisted by Dr. Ester Garcia.



The 8th FACS Biennial General Assembly held on May 23 and 24, 1995 with Dr. Mohinder Singh presiding.



Up to 1000 participants fill the Grand Ballroom of the Philippine Village Hotel during plenary sessions.



Dr. Alberto Rivera (with mike) and Dr. Fortunato Sevilla III lead the Filipino delegation in a traditional folk song during the farewell banquet.



Dr. Iqbal Choudhary delivering his talk in Natural Products session



Dr. Barry Noller, shown here delivering his talk, is retained as FACS Coordinator of Projects.