

Editorial

8th International Conference on Ceramic Processing Science (8th ICCPS) September 2–5, 2002, Hamburg, Germany

This topical issue of the Journal of the European Ceramic Society contains more than half of the almost 100 submitted papers and posters presented at the 8th ICCPS. Because of the unusually high number of papers submitted for publication during the conference, the selection process has been necessarily severe and the editors wish to request the understanding of authors in the many instances where space limitations have made it impossible to include their papers notwithstanding the good-quality.

The conference concentrated on the Novel Processing of Advanced Structural and Functional Ceramics and Ceramic Composites with emphasis on Low-Cost and Environmentally Benign Production Methods. The program highlighted many of the most recent developments in ceramics processing science and technology even though contributions on such fashionable topics such as Continuous Fiber Composites, Functional Gradient Materials, and Thick-Film Technologies were not included in the program. The content and quality of the scientific presentations at the meeting maintained a consistently high level. The organizers were especially happy that, in spite of the troubled economic situation

and the uncertain international political climate, more than 230 researchers coming from 25 countries decided to travel to (sunny!) Hamburg to make this conference a memorable success.

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