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General Abstract

This volume contains the Proceedings of the 10th International Conference of the FAO RAMIRAN (Recycling of Agricultural, Municipal and Industrial Residues in Agriculture) Network held in the Hotel Patria, Štrbské Pleso, High Tatras, Slovak Republic, between May 14th and 18th, 2002.

The Conference was attended by 90 delegates from 21 countries [Belgium (2), Belorussia (1), Bulgaria (1), Chile (1), Czech Republic (5), Finland (1), France (13), Germany (3), Hungary (1), Italy (9), Japan (2), Mexico (1), The Netherlands (2), Romania (1), Slovak Republic (15), Spain (6), Sweden (7), Switzerland (2), Ukraine (1), United Kingdom (13) and USA (3)].

The general theme of the Conference was "Hygienic Safety in Organic Waste Management". The contributions were presented in six sessions :

- Hygiene safety in organic waste management
- Strategies for organic waste management in agriculture
- Agronomic values of organic wastes
- Measurement, modelling and control of gaseous emissions
- Processing and handling of wastes
- Environmental impacts

During these sessions five invited speakers (R. Böhm, P. Westerman, T.H. Misselbrook, R. Svedelius, J. Schröder) presented a keynote paper each. In addition, 44 oral presentations were made and 43 posters displayed. All presentations submitted were included in the Preliminary Proceedings on CD.

The Conference confirmed the importance of the working groups carrying out concerted actions in defined fields of activity. A new WG on information systems was established with J. Venglovský as chairman and the first objective to establish links with the FAO bureau for Central and Eastern Europe. All news are presented at www.ramiran.net.

The delegates gladly agreed with the suggestion of Dr. Maria Pilar Bernal of the *Centro de Edafología y Biología Aplicada del Segura* (CSIC) to hold the next meeting of the Network in 2004 in Spain.