

Preface

The 4th International Symposium on Practical Surface Analysis (PSA-07) and 6th Korea-Japan International Symposium on Surface Analysis were held at Ishikawa Ongakudo in Kanazawa, Japan from 25 to 28 November 2007. In the symposiums, we had 149 participants and 15 accompanying persons from 15 countries. We also had 35 oral contributions and 87 poster contributions.

The scope of this series of international symposia on surface chemical analysis covers the present status and future prospects of surface analytical techniques in various practical applications. Important subjects for standardization have been also discussed with examples from applications in different industries, reliability of the techniques, development of expert systems, numerical simulations, theoretical calculations, data processing, and support systems for analyses. Fundamental research contributing to improvements in surface-analytical techniques is also within the scope of this symposium.

The first International Symposium on Practical Surface Analysis (PSA-98) was held in November 1998 in Matsue with a great success. The second and third symposiums were held in Nara (PSA-01) and Jeju (PSA-04) where are very beautiful place and famous place as world heritages. This series of symposium have been attracted many scientists and engineers from various fields and they could discuss the practical aspects of surface analysis including standardization. It is mutually very important to know the needs from users in the industry as well as to get the information on the progress in the basic surface science.

I am sure all of us enjoyed discussion of practical surface analysis in various aspects through PSA-07 and 6th-KJ symposium. The next International Symposium in Practical Surface Analysis (PSA-10) will be held in Korea in 2010. We hope all the participants will meet again in Korea.



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