



Invited Letter

From Lisbon to the World...

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The membrane world that I shared with you had a departure point from the Western Corner of Europe, Alcabideche, on the NATO Advanced Study Institute (ASI) "Synthetic Membranes: Science, Engineering and Applications", June/July 1983. The organizers, Peter Bungay, myself and Harold Lonsdale were moved by the congregation of the leading personalities in the field of synthetic membranes, namely: Drioli, Strathmann, Lonsdale, Rautenbach, Wijmans, Mears, Park, Jonsson, Aptel, Clifton, Ward III.

The book that resulted from this meeting is an early integration of membrane synthesis and membrane processes and was published by D. Reidel Publishing Company in 1986.

In the next years it was a privilege to have your contribution in the two series of E.U.COMETT courses:

"Membranes and Clean Technologies" (1988/1990).

"Separation Technology for Industrial Waste Minimization" (1990/1992).

The courses that took place at Instituto Superior Técnico were addressed to the Water, Pulp & Paper, Beverage and Dairy industries. I would like to call the attention to your special involvement in the course "Advanced Separation Technology for Industrial Waste Minimization: Environmental and Analytical Aspects" (13-15 October, 1992) that took place at the Joint Research Centre of the Commission of the European Communities at Ispra, Italy. The organizers, Ana Teresa Caetano, Maria Norberta De Pinho, Enrico Drioli and Herbert Muntau, were the Editors of the book "Membrane Technology: Applications to Industrial Wastewater Treatment" published by Kluwer Academic Publishers (1995).

Your World Wide Vision and Commitment to the Expansion of Membrane Science & Technology made possible the two Missions sponsored by the European Community:

- *CEE-Brazil Workshop on Membrane Separation Processes, Angra dos Reis (Brasil), May 3-8, 1992.*

Enrico Drioli and Claudio Habert were the Organizers and the Editors of the Proceedings.

- *The Asean-EU Workshop on Membrane Technology in the Agro-Based Industry, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, July 1994.*

I am very grateful for your invitation to make part of the European team in the two missions.

From 2004 to 2009, we were partners of the European Network of Excellence "NanoMemPro" (coordinated by Gilbert Rios) with an intense activity in Membranes and Membrane Processes.

Due to the impossibility of tracing your continuous influence on the MEMBRANE Scientific Community, I just mention a few of the events that I had the pleasure of collaborating with you.

I certainly look forward for future collaborations.

My BEST REGARDS

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