



Invited Letter

Korea- Italy Workshop on Membranes: A Long Relationship and Friendship between Korea and Italy

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It was great for me to have met Prof. Drioli in my life. It happened to meet Prof. Drioli in an international conference for the first time, in 1993. We had a chance to talk and our conversation had come to an agreement to start a membrane workshop between Korea and Italy. How much I was excited when I first started the workshop.

Since the 1st Workshop in Cetraro, Italy, the Korea-Italy workshop has been continued for 20 years and hosted by the two countries in turn every two years. It has been a long journey because we have held workshops biennially since 1997 without stopping. Through the workshop, I learned the meaning of a true collaboration and had diverse experiences. I hope that this workshop will be continued by the next generation.

As long as we have met through the workshop, our friendship has been accumulated. Based on this relationship and the friendship, I was awarded the highest honor of the Italian government in 2008 with the recommendation of Professor Drioli.

My special gratitude goes to Prof. Drioli for his advice and many suggestions in the workshop which have contributed to promote the collaboration between Korea and Italy in the membrane research. Prof. Drioli gave the great influence on me, and I have learned a lot from his vision on membrane science and technology.

I wish him continue his activities and always be healthy and happy.



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