

FOREWORD

The Fifth Symposium on Salt was held in Hamburg, Germany from May 29 to June 1, 1979. It was attended by over 600 scientists, engineers, miners, and briners from the five continents. Papers were presented by participants from over 20 countries. These two volumes, containing over 100 papers are the written expression of that truly international meeting held in congenial, modern and hospitable Hamburg.

The Hamburg meeting was the fifth symposium sponsored in part by the Northern Ohio Geological Society which began the Salt Symposia in the early 1960's. As with the previous two symposia, the North American sponsors were the Salt Institute (SI), Alexandria, Virginia and the Solution Mining Research Institute (SMRI), Flossmoor, Illinois. The substantive sponsors of the Hamburg meeting, however, were our European colleagues through four principal organizations: The European Committee for the Study of Salt, Paris; the Bundesanstalt für Geowissenschaften und Rohstoffe, Hannover; the Wirtschaftsverband Erdöl- und Erdgasgewinnung e.V., Hannover and the Verein Deutsche Salzindustrie, Bonn. The dedicated efforts of many people made the Symposium the success it was.

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