

FOREWORD

The Sixth International Symposium on Salt took place in Toronto, Ontario, Canada May 24-28, 1983. Nearly 600 scientists, engineers, others involved in salt production and other interested persons from 33 nations attended 24 sessions May 25-27 to hear some 118 papers ranging from geology to salt processing and technology to present and future market demands in the salt industry.

The symposium was sponsored by the Salt Institute, the Solution Mining Research Institute, the European Committee for the Study of Salt and the Northern Ohio Geological Society, though it was the first time the Geological Society was not actively involved in the salt symposium. The Society originated the salt symposiums in the early 1960s.

Special recognition is given to the Sixth Salt Symposium Steering Committee, which shouldered the burden of planning, arrangements and selection of papers for presentation, and to the session leaders who contributed so much to the symposium's success. Thanks are also extended to the Honorary Committee. The names of these people appear on the following page.

Our thanks also to Diamond Crystal Salt Company, Domtar Chemicals Group/Sifto Salt Division and International Salt Company for their cooperation and hospitality in providing for visits to their evaporation and mine facilities at St. Clair, Michigan, Goderich, Ontario and Retsof, New York, respectively.

A great many hours were involved in the editing of manuscripts, galley proofs and page proofs, securing changes and final approval of the authors of the papers, in the mechanical preparation of the texts, and in the printing and binding of the two-volume proceedings. Special gratitude is given to the editors of these proceedings, and we also thank the typesetter, Action Comp, Inc., and the printer, Reese Press, Inc., both of Baltimore, Maryland, for their expert advice and cooperative efforts.

The Salt Institute is pleased to have again been a salt symposium sponsor and for the first time to publish the proceedings. Proceedings of the previous five symposiums had been published by the Northern Ohio Geological Society. Only 1,000 copies of the two-volume set of the proceedings of the Sixth Salt Symposium were printed. Because many of those were ordered prior to printing, only a limited number are still available. There will be no other printing.

Additional copies may be ordered from the Salt Institute, 206 North Washington Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314 USA. We hope you enjoy owning these proceedings and find them useful.

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