

PREFACE

The Ninth International Conference on Textures of Materials ICOTOM 9 was organised by the Société Française de Métallurgie et de Matériaux in close cooperation with the Commission “Texture and Anisotropy”, one of its committees.

ICOTOM 9 was a successful international scientific event. There were 200 participants, of whom 64 were French, 36 German, 23 American, 18 Japanese and 12 Canadian—to quote the most numerous delegations.

The organising committee separated the conference into the following five sections: Texture Analysis, Non-metallics, Texture and Properties, Recrystallization Texture and Deformation Texture. These main areas were selected from the proposed abstracts.

The organisation of the proceedings has been kept identical to the conference programme and the book of abstracts, but the distinction between oral and poster contributions has been lifted. We, the organisers, would however like to apologise to some contributors whom we asked to amend and shorten their papers; further committee discussions resulted in the later acceptance of papers longer than the specified number of pages.

We must now move on and think of the next ICOTOM conference in Clausthal, September 1993. ICOTOM 10 will have an anniversary character as it will take place where the first ICOTOM conference was held, back in 1969, organised by Professor G. Wasserman. We hope that ICOTOM 10 will be a success and we look forward to meeting you all there.

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