

Preface

On 26 January, 1995, Academician Kirill I. Zamaraev, Director of the Boreskov Institute of Catalysis, Novosibirsk, visited the Davy Faraday Research Laboratory of The Royal Institution of Great Britain. This was one of nine visits in all that he made to UK centres of research (including Cardiff, Dundee and Nottingham) under the auspices of the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC). At each centre he gave a different lecture, all under the general umbrella of the Centenary Lectureship of the RSC.

Two other plenary lectures were presented (by Professors K.J. Packer and C.R.A. Catlow) along with the Harrison Medal address by Dr J.S. Badyal of the University of Durham, and there were several other oral presentations, formal and informal, notably by Dr Julian Gale and Professor M.W. Roberts.

To mark Kirill Zamaraev's achievements as a catalysis expert for whose work the Centenary Medal of the RSC was bestowed – earlier recipients have included G. Olah, G.A. Somorjai and G. Ertl – we invited all those who presented their work or contributed to discussions at the various Centenary Lectures given by Kirill Zamaraev to submit papers for this issue of “*Topics*”.

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