

Preface

The 11th International Conference on Scientometrics and Informetrics

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The 11th International Conference on Scientometrics and Informetrics held in Madrid (Spain) in June 2007 was organised by the Centre for Scientific Information and Documentation (CINDOC) of the Spanish Research Council (CSIC) in cooperation with several Information Science Departments of Spanish universities and under the auspices of the International Society for Scientometrics and Informetrics (ISSI).* The meeting was hosted by the Spanish Research Council in the Serrano Central Campus. The previous ten events in this series of biannual international conferences on Scientometrics and Informetrics had been held in Belgium (1987), Canada (1989), India (1991), Germany (1993), USA (1995), Israel (1997), Mexico (1999), Australia (2001), China (2003) and Sweden (2005).

In total, about 250 registered participants have attended the meeting with 92 oral and 77 poster presentations covering all relevant topics and sub-disciplines of present-day research in our field. We have selected 29 original research papers which will be published in two subsequent specials issues of the journal *Scientometrics*. The present papers are extended versions of contributions orally presented at the conference, reflecting comments given by colleagues and referees during and after the conference.

Finally, we would like to mention that the biannual ISSI conference series will be continued this year; the 12th Conference on Scientometrics and Informetrics will be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in July 2009.

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