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Preface

This volume contains most of the contributions presented at the Fifteenth International Conference on Modelling, Monitoring, and Management of Air Pollution. This International Scientific Meeting began its course in Monterrey, Mexico in 1993 and has been successfully reconvened since.

Air pollution nowadays represents one of the most challenging issues that humankind is facing. On the one hand, with the growth of the economies of emerging countries leading to an increase in the demand for more energy, the prevention of air deterioration by means of controlling atmospheric emission has become an urgent task. On the other hand, the mitigation strategies for traditional, but persistent air pollution problems, such as particulate and photochemical pollution, soil eutrophization and acidification remain important issues.

Science has, in this process, a crucial role to play in the prediction, understanding and mitigation of atmospheric pollution phenomena. Furthermore, the development of analysis tools is making it possible to accomplish air quality assessment using modelling techniques that can be applied on a global scale, providing technical support to policy-makers. Air quality networks continue to be enhanced, offering monitoring and forecasting operations in real time

The need for awareness of the population in the process of implementing policies is fundamental towards the success of legislative efforts. The accessibility of the population to education and scientific knowledge is important to help promote a better understanding of the policies adopted.

This book includes the latest developments in air pollution modeling, air quality management, urban air management, transport emissions, emission inventory, comparison of model and experimental results, monitoring and laboratory studies, global and regional studies, aerosols and particles, climate change and air pollution, atmospheric chemistry, indoor pollution, environmental health effects and remote sensing.

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