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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## NINTH NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON CATALYSIS

The ninth National Symposium on Catalysis under the theme: "Catalysis—concepts and applications" will be held at Madras Refineries Ltd., R&D Centre, Manali, Madras from December 15 to 17, 1988.

The Symposium will provide a forum for exchange of ideas and views on new and emerging concepts in the field of catalysis with special reference to: a) New developments in catalysis, b) Catalysis for petroleum refining and petrochemical industries, c) Catalysis for fertilizer, organic chemic-

als and other industries, d) Catalysis for synthetic fuels, e) Catalysis for environmental protection.

Abstracts of papers in triplicate not exceeding two typed/printed sheets (A4 size) in double line spacing should reach the Secretary, Ninth National Symposium on Catalysis before March 1st, 1988.

Further particulars may be had from: Dr R. Sitaraman, Secretary, Ninth National Symposium on Catalysis, Madras Refineries Ltd., R&D centre, Manali, Madras 600 068.

## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON COMPOSITE MATERIALS AND STRUCTURES

The FRP Research Centre, Indian Institute of Technology, Madras is organising the above Conference during January 6-9, 1988 to be held at the Indian Institute of Technology, Madras.

The programme contains seven invited lectures and 47 contributed papers. The contributors are from Bulgaria, China, France, India, Italy, Japan, U.K., USA, USSR, West Germany etc. There will be around 20 technical sessions on the following topics: 1. Processing of raw materials and composites; 2. Micro and macro mechanics; 3. Failure analysis; 4. Fatigue and fracture; 5. Static analysis; 6. Dynamic analysis and buckling, 7. FEM applied

to composites, and 8. Experimental techniques.

Sponsors of the Conference are: a) Indian Institute of Technology, Madras, b) Aeronautical Society of India, c) Indian Space Research Organisation, d) Aeronautical Research and Development Board, e) Indian Academy of Sciences, Bangalore, f) Chinese Society of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics, and g) Indian Rocket Society.

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