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EDITORIAL

The first six papers in this issue are based on some of the papers presented at the 6th International Conference on the Occurrence, Properties and Utilization of Natural Zeolites (ZEOLITE '02) held at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece from June 3–7, 2002. The conference was organized under the auspices of the International Committee on Natural Zeolites (ICNZ) by the Departments of Chemistry and Geology of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, the Chairman of the Organizing Committee being Professor Panagiotis Misaelides. The scope of the conference was the presentation and discussion of the current developments and future perspectives of the science and technology of natural zeolites.

A number of conference contributions related to the geology and mineralogy of natural zeolites were submitted for possible publication in *Clays and Clay Minerals*. The manuscripts were subject to the normal review procedures and standards of the journal and were handled by Guest Associate Editor Dr David L. Bish, then at Los Alamos National Laboratory, New Mexico and now at Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana. I wish to record my sincere appreciation of Dr Bish's conscientious, constructive and helpful handling of these manuscripts.

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