

THE FIRST CIRCULAR
SYMPOSIUM ON OIL SHALE
18–21 November 2002

Background

Estonia's oil shale industry is nearly a century old. Oil shale has been the Country's main source for power generation and oil production. Serious environmental problems in Northern Estonia are also related to its oil shale industry. Estonia has become one of the acknowledged centres of oil shale processing, and this experience may prove valuable for development of deposits in other countries.

Purpose and Scope

Despite of ever growing attention to renewable resources as feedstocks for producing chemicals and less contaminating fuels, solid fuels will remain an important energy supply for the foreseeable future. Therefore current and future utilization of high-organic oil shale must be environmentally benign and at the same time economical.

The central goal of the symposium is to combine different theoretical and practical aspects of oil shale mining, usage, oil production and shale oil chemistry, and related technological and environmental problems. We hope that the symposium will bring together a wide range of scientists, entrepreneurs and industries to encourage integration of specialists from different disciplines and backgrounds within the field of oil shale studies. The meeting will be of interest to the academic society, advisers, businessmen working to achieve an economically viable and environmentally benign oil shale industry.

The symposium aims at providing a forum for knowledge exchange and a network between enterprises and universities. The opportunity to present and discuss issues of common interest and particular significance should enable the evaluation of the current state of knowledge as well as to offer new initiatives. The symposium is expected to be the first in a regular series.

The Symposium Topics Include:

- Oil shale resources, geology, and mining
- Power generation from oil shale
- Oil shale chemistry and technology
- Environmental problems related to oil shale mining and processing

Structure

There will be plenary sessions with invited lecturers, and three parallel sessions (resources, power generation, processing), which will be introduced by keynote speakers. A poster session will be arranged parallel to the oral presentation sessions.

Place and Date

The symposium will be held in Tallinn Technical University in 18–21 November 2002. It will be followed by a one-day visit to oil shale processing factories and power stations, the centre of Estonian oil shale industry.

Language

The official language of the symposium will be English. There will be possibility of translating from Russian into English.

Call for Presentations

You are invited to present an oral or poster presentation at the symposium. A brief abstract (maximum of one page A4) should be sent on address given below. When submitting abstract, please state the preferable form of your presentation (oral or poster). There will be opportunity to publish the text of presentation in the special issue of *Oil Shale* journal.

Important Dates

February 01, 2002	Pre-registration and indication of interest to participate
March 2002	Second Announcement
July 15, 2002	Deadline for submission of abstracts
August 31, 2002	Deadline for registration and registration fee

Registration

Those interested in participating are asked to send their notice by e-mail (expertfield1@hotmail.ee) or fax (+372 33 24 013, +372 62 02 826) to the organizers before February 1, 2002.

The registration fee (includes Abstract book and coffee breaks):

Full	€300	4600 EEK
Students	€ 75	1150 EEK

Travel and Accommodation

There is a good flight connection for Tallinn. Participants will have the opportunity to book rooms in selected hotels in the centre. More information will be given in the Second Announcement.

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