

Preface

This book contains the proceedings of an international conference held in Salford, England, in the Autumn of 1999. The aim of the conference, reflected in the papers within the book, was to provide practical guidance on the use of biocides across a broad range of applications. The backdrop for the conference was set by the publication in Europe of the Biocidal Products Directive, which provided both a regulatory framework and the segregation of the market into defined application sectors. This book describes the overall biocides market and the consequences of the implementation of the Biocidal Products Directive. It gives practical advice on the specific use of biocides in key sectors. Certain key application areas such as Paper, Water, Coatings and Disinfection are covered in considerable depth, reflecting diverse employment of biocides in these industries. Other more tightly defined applications, such as the use of biocides in swimming pools and portable toilet fluids, are looked at in detail. The book has the level of detail required by skilled technical personnel whilst at the same time providing a broad overview relevant to more commercially oriented practitioners looking to develop their knowledge base.

