

The 8th Asian Conference on Electrical Discharge (ACED-96)

The 8th Asian conference on Electrical Discharge (ACED-96) was held on 15-17 October 1996 at the Siam Intercontinental Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand. It was organized by the IEEE-Thailand Section and Chulalongkorn University in cooperation with the Engineering Institute of Thailand under His Majesty the King's Patronage (EIT), the Electricity Generating Authority of Thailand (EGAT), the Metropolitan Electricity Authority (MEA) and the Provincial Electricity Authority (PEA). The ACED-96 Chairman was Professor Samruay SANGKASAAD of Chulalongkorn University.

The ACED-96 was planned to offer the opportunities for researchers and engineers working in the field of high voltage insulation and electrical discharges to present the progress of their work as well as to exchange scientific and technical information. Major topics to be presented at the conference covered: discharges in gases, liquids and solids, discharges along the interface, plasma and its applications, electrostatic precipitation, lightning discharges and overvoltage protection, high-voltage equipment and test techniques and environmental technologies. Among the 93 abstracts submitted to the ACED-96, 72 camera-ready papers from 12 countries are accepted for presentation. Total of participants was 199 from 11 countries.

In addition to the regular technical sessions, the conference also included on its last day a half-day Bangkok city tour. Participants were visiting a number of interesting cultural and historical places such as Grand Palace, the Emerald Buddha Temple, Wat Phra Chetupol, etc. The technical excursion to the High Voltage Laboratory of Chulalongkorn University and others was also arranged after the conference.

The International Steering Committee meeting was held on 16th October 1996 at the conference site and decided that the 9th and 10th ACED's will be held on 1998 in Indonesia, Chairman of Prof. K.T.Sirait and on 2000 at Kyoto, Japan, Chairman of Prof. T.Takuma, respectively.

Table 1 Number of papers and participants

	paper	participant		paper	participant
China	11	8	Mexico	1	0
Hongkong	3	1	Russia	3	1
India	1	2	Singapore	1	2
Indonesia	1	1	Switzerland	2	1
Korea	10	32	Thailand	8	99
Japan	30	50	UK	1	2
			Total	72	199

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