

Preface

The papers contained in this journal were contributions of members of the International Institute for Environment and Society (IIES), Berlin (W) to a Polish/ German conference which was held in Książ, near Walbrzych, Poland, from June 25-28, 1985. The conference was organized by the research group "Physical and Chemical Aspects of Air Pollution" of the Institute for Environmental Technology of the Technical University Wrocław. It was chaired by Dr. Jerzy W. Zwoździak, as secretary of the organization committee, with the support of Professor Apolinary L. Kowal, Director of the Institute, and by Professor T. Winnicki, Vice President of the Technical University Wrocław.

During the two-day meeting, problems of great importance were discussed. The German scientists held lectures on environmental policies in general, on air quality control policy and air quality plans, on the establishment of environmental information systems, and on physical and social effects of environmental pollution. Further, a lecture on a rather new environmental issue, soil pollution, was given. These contributions document to some extent the successes and remaining deficits of environmental policy in a highly industrialized country, the Federal Republic of Germany.

It is my hope that the publication of the conference papers in this journal will lead to a better understanding of the working of environmental policies, and that one may be able to draw conclusions that can be applied in individual situations and on a broader basis, wherever these appear feasible.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the organizers of the conference, and to this journal for the publication of the papers.

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