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### **PREFACE**

The 13<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Air Quality - Science and Application is being held in the vibrant port city of Thessaloniki, Greece. To curtail the spread of COVID-19, the 12<sup>th</sup> International meeting, which was to be held in Thessaloniki, was changed to a fully online event. Since then, the pandemic landscape has changed and, for this meeting, we are offering for the first time a hybrid format.

We have the pleasure of working with the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki for a second time as the local hosts for the 13<sup>th</sup> Conference. The meeting is a continuation of the series that began at the University of Hertfordshire, UK in July 1996. Subsequent meetings have been held at the Technical University of Madrid (1999), Loutraki, Greece (2001), Charles University, Prague (2003), Valencia, Spain (2005), Cyprus (2007), Istanbul, Turkey (2009) Athens, Greece (2012), Garmisch-Partenkirchen (2014), Milan (2016) and Barcelona (2018), online (2020, hosted by Aritotle University of Thessaloniki).

During the pandemic years, especially the earlier phase, air quality showed some improvements in many parts of the world. Many studies, however, have shown that even with this drastic reduction in emissions, the observed improvements would not necessarily lead to the latest WHO guidelines being met. These findings emphasise the urgency of controlling air pollution and highlight the complexities of the challenge. It is evident that the problem of poor air quality persists in all cities of the globe. With increasing public awareness, the issue of poor air quality remains at the forefront of societal concern, and with climate change, it is the most important environmental risk for humanity.

As urbanisation grows, scientific research is showing that impact from air pollution in cities depends on contributions from local scales, as well as from regional and global scales, including interactions with climate change. Improvements in technology need to go hand in hand with management and assessment strategies, but also with effective control policies, for reducing the health impact of air pollution.

The presentations at the Conference address the diversity of scales, processes and interactions affecting air pollution and its impact on health and the environment. As usual, the conference is stimulating cross-fertilisation of ideas and cooperation between the different air pollution science and user communities. There is greater involvement of city, regional and global air pollution, climate change, users and health communities at the meeting.

The focus of the international conference will be to discuss the latest scientific advances in the understanding of air pollution and its impacts on our health and environment. The conference will also discuss new applications and developments in management strategies and assessment tools for policy and decision makers.

This Proceeding presents a collection of abstracts presented at the Conference under the following science themes:

Air pollution sources and emissions

Air quality management and policy development

Air quality prediction and forecasting

Air Quality and COVID-19

Characterisation of air pollutants

Development, application and evaluation of air quality related models for local to global scales

Dust and its impacts

Exposure and health assessment related to air pollution

Indoor air quality

Integrated assessment and air quality

Local air quality and impact studies

Meteorological processes and interactions including connections with climate change

Observations and emerging technologies for monitoring air pollution

Special session - Air pollution and health

Special Session - Biomonitoring air quality

Special Session - Sensors, crowd sourcing and numerical simulations for urban air quality

Special session - Shipping and air quality

Special Session - Air pollution in urban areas - science challenges and policy implications

Special Session - Green Mobility in SmartCities and Impact on Pollutant Emissions and Air Quality

Special Session - Ensuring Air Quality through the implementation of the SDGs

Special Session - Practical and usable solutions to air pollution

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