

PREFACE

During the years 1991-1995 The Centre for Developing Countries at the Technical University of Denmark carried out a Defluoridation Technology Research Project in collaboration with the University of Dar es Salaam and the Ministry of Water, Energy, and Minerals in Tanzania. The project was sponsored by the Danish International Development Agency DANIDA, under the so called Enhancement of Research Capacity programme, Enreca.

As a part of this collaboration annual seminars were arranged. However, in 1994 it was decided that the project should internationalise these seminars in order to facilitate professional interactions among researchers working within the field. Furthermore, that this interaction, through Enreca-Danida funds, should include professionals from other developing countries. Thus the 1st International Workshop on Fluorosis and Defluoridation of Water was held in Arusha, 18-22 October 1995, with participation from Denmark, Tanzania, Norway, The Netherlands, Ethiopia, Sudan, India, Thailand and China. During this Workshop it was decided to publish the proceedings in collaboration with the International Society for Fluoride Research, ISFR. Furthermore, to establish an International Committee for the 2nd International Workshop which will be held in Addis Ababa, 19-22 November 1997.

On behalf of the Workshop Committee I would like to address a thank to Danida for sponsoring the workshop, to the University of Dar es Salaam and the Ministry of Water, Energy, and Minerals in Tanzania for provision of the logistic on site, and to the International Society for Fluoride Research for support on the dissemination of the Workshop Proceeding. It is our hope that this workshop will be followed by others, until appropriate solutions to the fluoride problems in the affected regions are identified, optimised and implemented.

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