

Preface

In October 18-22, 1995, **The First International Workshop on Fluorosis Prevention and Defluoridation of Water** was held in Ngurdoto, The Arusha Region, Tanzania. The workshop was sponsored mainly by **The Danish International Development Agency DANIDA**, under the **Enhancement of Research Capacity programme, Enreca**. Thirty participants took part in the workshop, where 28 papers were presented and discussed. Eight countries, out of which 5 developing countries, were presented in the workshop.

During the first workshop it was decided to approach **The International Society for Fluoride Research, ISFR**, for collaboration on publication of the proceedings and on setting up an International Organising Committee for future arrangements of the Workshop. The proposals were kindly accepted by ISFR.

As a result of this collaboration, this **Second International Workshop on Fluorosis and Defluoridation of Water** was organised in November 19-25 in Nazreth, Ethiopia.

On behalf of the International Organising Committee I would like to address thanks to the **Local Organising Committee** for identification of excellent workshop environment and for assistance to participants on visa formalities. Furthermore thanks to **Danida-Enreca** to **Norad** and to **UNDP**, for sponsoring respectively 15, 9 and 3 workshop participants. It is only due to these contributions that the workshop could be arranged successfully in a fluoride affected region in a developing country and bringing together professionals and field workers from other fluoride affected developing countries.

It is intended that other workshops will follow this workshop, seeking for more sustainable technologies and appropriate solutions to the fluoride problems. Thus the **Third International Workshop on Fluorosis and Defluoridation of Water** is envisaged to take place in Thailand, year 2000.

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