

Preface

The present volume contains selected papers from the 1st Asia Pacific Rubber Conference 2013 which was held in Thailand (APRC-2013). The conference is organized and co-organized by Prince of Songkla University, Thailand, School of Materials & Mineral Resources Engineering, Universiti Sains Malaysia, Hevea Research Platform in Partnership (HPRR) and Innovation Group, Thailand. The 1st Asia Pacific Rubber Conference 2013 is sponsored by Prince of Songkla University, National Research Universities (NRU), Thailand, Innovation Group and HRPP and is held in the Surat Thani, Thailand, during 5-6 September 2013.

This volume presents a selection from papers submitted to the conference from universities, research institutes and industries. All of the papers were subjected to peer reviewing by at least two expert referees. The papers selected for this volume depended on their quality and their relevancy to the conference. The volume tends to present to the reader the recent advances in the field of rubber technology including rubber agronomy, socio-economics and biotechnology, rubber processing and products, rubber compounding and composites, rubber chemistry and chemical modification and industrial rubber applications. It is therefore valuable to production and research engineers, research students and academics in the field.

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