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BOOK REVIEW

Reunion Hispano-Belga De Minerales De La Arcilla. Edited by J. M. Serratos. Consejo Superior De Investigaciones Cientificas Distribution de Publicaciones. Apartado 14.458. Madrid, 1970. pp. 229. \$10.

THIS volume reports the proceedings of the joint meeting between the Spanish and Belgian clay minerals groups held June 1–3, 1970, in Madrid. Thirty-two full papers and five résumés are included. The papers are written in one of three languages – English, Spanish or French.

Many papers of high quality appear in this book. Of particular interest are the two main subject matter areas, Clay–Water Interaction and Clay–Organic Complexes. Prof. J. J. Fripiat of the University of Louvain has an introductory paper on clay–water interactions and Prof. G. W. Brindley of Pennsylvania State University has one for the section on clay–organic complexes. These excellent reviews along with the more specific papers that follow them provide an up-to-date picture of these important areas of clay mineral technology. A third section of general nature has papers with a wide variety of subject matter dealing with various aspects of clays from Mossbauer spectroscopy to clay mineral geochemistry.

In the forward the Editor expresses the hope that this volume is the first of a series reporting the proceedings of future conferences. Readers of the first volume will certainly find it of great interest and utility and that it has set a high standard for the series.

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