

News from China

In November 2009, in Chongqing, China, China Oil Shale Association and Fushun Bureau of Mines sponsored Annual Oil Shale Meeting. More than 100 Chinese participants and some German, Estonian and Australian experts attended the meeting.

A bulletin of Chinese Oil Shale Society (No. 1, 2009) with 17 papers was published and distributed to the participants. The bulletin dealt mainly with the modification of one battery of condensation-and-recovery system of Fushun retorting unit, with the addition of an electric precipitator to increase shale oil yield by 10% and the utilization of an indirect cooler instead of direct scrubbing for saving fresh water; the build-up and commissioning of Gansu Yiaojie shale oil plant; the development of oil shale circulating fluidized-bed boilers for power generation designed by Northeast Dianli University in China.

A book titled “Oil Shale in China” (in Chinese, with English abstract for each chapter) was written by Prof. Zhaojun Liu, JiLin University, and published by China Petroleum Industry Press in July 2009. The book deals mainly with the geology and resources of oil shale in China.

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