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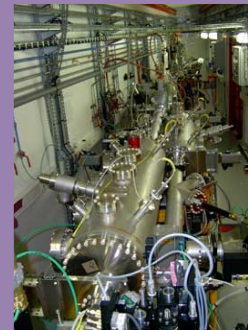
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FOREWORD

The Spanish Society of Mineralogy (SEM) celebrated the XXIX annual meeting in Salamanca, from the 9th to the 12th of September of 2009. The meeting started, as the five last editions, with a workshop devoted to a subject of general interest for the members, on this occasion: “Synchrotron Radiation in Mineralogy”. This volume contains the abstracts of the conferences presented. The aim of the workshop was to reinforce the use of synchrotron radiation by the Spanish mineralogical community, in the same as in other countries where crystallographists, mineralogists and petrologists are an important group of users. For this reason the workshop, and consequently the chapters of this volume, were planned as a source of practical information for potentials users.

There are four general chapters in which the main techniques used in Mineralogy are presented. In all cases, after the introductory concepts and generalities on each specific technique, a series of examples of the application of the synchrotron radiation to mineralogical problems is presented. The examples here presented go from the study of the conditions for the genesis of minerals to the modification of their properties or the identification of minerals in Archaeometry. The last chapter corresponds to a practical session devoted to data analyses.

In addition to the presentation of the main techniques and possibilities bases on the study of specific questions, the workshop focused on the use of the excellent facilities to which Spain has access. Our country maintains two beamlines active at the European Synchrotron Radiation Facility de Grenoble (France), and the Spanish synchrotron ALBA (a medium energy third generation synchrotron source) is now under construction in Cerdanyola del Vallés (Barcelona). The Spanish mineralogical community can especially take advantage of these and other facilities to which they can resort as members of the European Union (Diamond, Soleil and Elletra).

The workshop and this book have been possible thanks to the generous contributions of the authors, all of them specialist in the use of synchrotron radiation. Our sincere acknowledgment for accepting our invitation; for the Spanish Mineralogical Society and for the Organizing Committee of the XXIX meeting SEM it was a privilege to be able to count on them.

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