
Preface

These volumes comprise the Proceedings of The 2nd International Conference on the Basic and Applied Chemistry of f-Transition (Lanthanide and Actinide) and Related Elements (2nd ICLA). From the 30 invited lectures and 300 posters announced in the book of abstracts 187 contributions are printed in these volumes and they represent the main part of the scientific event.

The papers appearing in these proceedings are grouped in the same themes as in the conference programme. However, some papers, due to their nature, were classified using criteria which may be somewhat subjective. We hope that the authors will understand how difficult our task was.

Initially we had sent a circular to all the participants asking for a maximum of 4 pages for contributed papers. However, we found later that our advertisement did not appear to be very clear for many authors, and in the meeting in Lisbon the section coordinators decided to extend the 4 pages limit otherwise a lot of the contributions could not be included. To the authors who have kept their manuscripts within the limits initially asked for we offer our apologies.

All the manuscripts were refereed during the conference by a highly qualified panel of guest editors. Their work, as well as the cooperation of the authors, is greatly appreciated.

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