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Editorial

The *International Journal of Thermal Sciences* is now entering its fifth year, and a new stage of its history. During this period, a huge and systematic effort has been made by our three colleagues André Lallemand, Karl Stephan and André Charette to transform this Journal into a really international archival journal for Thermal Sciences.

Two of them, André Lallemand and Karl Stephan, have now asked to be replaced as Editors-in-Chief of the *International Journal of Thermal Sciences* due to their retirement. Throughout 2002, they have prepared this succession in order to have a new team smoothly taking charge of the IJTS at the beginning of 2003.

So from the beginning of this year a new crew of Editors-in-Chief will continue the impulsion given by the previous team. André Lallemand and Karl Stephan will be replaced by Dominique Gobin and Ulrich Gross, and André Charette will ensure the continuity of the outgoing trio.

For us, the new editors, it is both an honour and a responsibility. We hope that we will succeed in continuing and further increasing the quality standards and the international visibility and reputation of the Journal. This is not only our task, but also the responsibility of our colleagues in the fields of Thermal Science and Heat Transfer who are kindly requested to propose their best fundamental and applied research results for publication in the Journal, and the mission of the reviewers whose relevance and effort help to improve the selectivity of the IJTS.

We wish to thank André Lallemand and Karl Stephan for their contributions, and we are glad that they will assist us in our task as Honorary Editors of the *International Journal of Thermal Sciences*.

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