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Editorial

The year 2004 begins with an anniversary and with a change in the list of editors. Five years ago, in January 1999, the *Revue Générale de Thermique* adopted the new name and the *International Journal of Thermal Sciences* started with its first issue. Since the beginning, André Charette served the journal as an active member of the board of Editors-in-Chief together with André Lallemand and Karl Stephan, and he now asked for retirement. We wish to present all our thanks and greetings to him and to his former colleagues for their efforts to bring this Journal to a recognized international level.

André is now replaced by a personality that we are very glad to present to the readers of IJTS as the new co-Editor-in-Chief of the *International Journal of Thermal Sciences*. Yildiz Bayazitoglu has accepted this extra load in her already very busy schedule, and we are both glad and honoured to receive her among us. Yildiz was a member of the IJTS Editorial Advisory Board for her expertise in many fields of heat transfer fundamentals and engineering and we are sure that her energy and fame will contribute to bring a better visibility of our Journal in North America.

So welcome to Yildiz Bayazitoglu in the new team of the *International Journal of Thermal Sciences*. We wish to thank André Charette for his action and for helping the new team in the transition we have to undergo in 2003. We will still rely on him as an Honorary Editor.

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