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### Preface

This special issue of *Journal of Molecular Catalysis B: Enzymatic* contains a selection of papers presented at the International Enzyme Engineering Symposium organized in Kuşadası, Turkey in October 2008 (IEES 2008). The meeting was convened in recognition of the long history of enzyme research and in response to the current explosion of interest in enzymes as key components of applications in natural sciences and technologies.

The symposium attracted about 200 delegates from 20 countries and contained invited lectures, oral and poster presentations devoted to the fields of enzyme screening, over expression, purification and characterization, enzyme structure-function studies, altering of enzyme selectivity, specificity and stability, modified enzymes, immobilized enzymes, enzyme mechanism and kinetics, enzyme design, artificial enzymes, catalytic antibodies and ribozymes, search for ideal biocatalyst, biosensors, microarrays and biochips, enzymes in biotechnology, enzymes in therapy, enzymes in green chemistry, and enzymes in analysis.

The aim of the symposium is to share the recent developments on enzymes and enzyme engineering in the fields of basic enzyme researches and applications of enzymes in industry, analysis and medicine. This meeting, which has been supported by The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK), provided an ideal forum for the exchange of information between specialists from both the academic and industrial sectors. The Symposium created a stimulating and an open scientific atmosphere to foster the development of new collaborations.

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