

## Preface

The Seventh International Workshop on Spallation Materials Technology (IWSMT-7) was held on May 29 to June 3, 2005, in Thun, Switzerland. The meeting was organized by the Paul Scherrer Institut (Switzerland) in cooperation with High Energy Accelerator Research Organization (Japan), Japan Atomic Energy Agency, Los Alamos National Laboratory (USA) and Oak Ridge National Laboratory (USA).

At this meeting, 52 presentations reported the progress and achievements in new and existing spallation neutron sources and accelerator-driven-system (ADS) projects; demonstrated the latest results of materials related studies on different topics such as effects of radiation damage and transmutation products (especially helium and hydrogen) in structural materials, pressure wave induced cavitation erosion effects in liquid mercury targets and compatibility of liquid lead–bismuth eutectic with structural materials in the representative conditions of ADS liquid metal targets. The latest work was also presented in the important and closely related areas of particle transport computations and target and moderator engineering. The presentations were published in CD format and distributed to the participants. The full papers of most of the presentations are contained in the present volume.

This is the seventh meeting of the series started in April 1996 in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, USA [1]. Since the first meeting the progress of spallation target development and related materials studies has been regularly reported in the proceedings of the IWSMT series [2–6]. As the dominant meeting in the spallation materials technology field, the IWSMT meetings have experienced continued worldwide growth in participation and in scientific and technical contributions.

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