

Editorial

Almost thirty years have passed since the first issue of the Journal of Thermal Analysis was published. During this period, we have witnessed great developments in the wide variety of thermal methods and in the constantly widening fields of application. The greatest improvement has perhaps been observed in the transformation of 'home-made' thermal tools into fully computerized commercial instruments. With the assistance of its leading body the Journal has been able to report on these up-to-date movements and to attempt to meet expectations.

1998 will see a few important changes. **The Journal of Thermal Analysis will extend its title to Journal of Thermal Analysis and Calorimetry**, similar to ICTAC and ESTAC. Although calorimetry of all types has been included among the main subjects of the journal up to now, the growing interest in the fields of application of both non-scanning and scanning calorimetry has led to the decision that the expression 'calorimetry' should appear on the title page as well. Consequently, a new Board of Editors is being established in order to assume responsibility for the high-scientific-level papers coming from this field.

Some other changes have taken place in the Board due to the periods of service of certain distinguished members coming to an end. Other internationally acknowledged scientists have undertaken this exciting, but difficult task and join the Board. I would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks to those who are leaving and heartily welcome the newcomers. Special thanks are due to the esteemed members of the Honorary Board for their long-lasting service and continuous support. We are all convinced that their judgement and critical opinion have provided and will continue to provide a significant contribution to our efforts in maintaining and enhancing the professional level of the Journal.

Due to the recent changes and future plans of Akadémiai Kiadó, the world-famous Kluwer Academic Publishers (Dordrecht) has become the co-publisher of the Journal from 1998. In addition, Kluwer will be responsible for the world-wide distribution. Orders should be submitted to the address indicated on the copyright page.

Besides the above changes, in the future, we expect constant development and support both from the authors and the readership, with a constant manuscript flow, at the usual high scientific level, good contacts between authors and referees, and last but not least a high number of regular subscribers.

There is not any changes in the format and the size (approx. 4200 pages per year) of the Journal. Four volumes (Vols 51–54) will be published this year. Each volume will consist of 3 issues, that is, the journal will be published monthly in the future too. Besides the regular papers, special issues and outstanding conference issues are also on our publication schedule.

Finally, on behalf of the Editors of the Journal of Thermal Analysis and Calorimetry let me wish everyone good luck and a Happy New Year.

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