

Events

Short report on ESTAC 7

The 7th Symposium of the series of European Symposia on Thermal Analysis and Calorimetry held every 4 years was organized between 30 August and 4 September at Balatonfüred, Hungary.

The Symposium was organized by the Hungarian Chemical Society, together with the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, the Technical University of Budapest and the University of Veszprém in the Hotel Füred and Hotel Marina on the shore of lake Balaton.

There were registrations from 39 countries, many of them from overseas, and the number of participants was 350.

The scientific papers were given in 7 sections: (Inorganic Chemistry and Materials Science; Organic Substances and Pharmaceuticals; Food and Life Science; Polymers; Environment; Geosciences; Theory, Kinetics and Instrumentation), in 3 parallel sessions.

A workshop was held on Quality Assurance in Thermal Analysis, and an associated conference was held on 2 days as a separate section, the biennial EUROSOLID meeting.

There were 5 plenary, 3 invited, 8 section opening, 109 oral and 221 poster presentations. 2 thermoanalytical awards were presented during the Symposium: the Netzsch award of GEFTA, and the award of the English Thermoanalytical Society for young scientists. The recipients of the awards gave lectures, too. Thus, the total number of papers was 348.

The participants of the symposium received the booklet containing the one page abstracts of the papers on registration. The papers presented during the symposium whose manuscripts have been submitted will be published after reviewing in the *Journal of Thermal Analysis and Calorimetry* in 1999. The participants will receive this in the form of the Proceedings in the middle of 1999. The Proceedings will also be available for people who were not participants of the Symposium.

There was an exhibition of books and instruments during the symposium with participation of 14 companies, including the most important manufacturers of thermoanalytical instruments.

ESTAC 7 was sponsored by the Federation of European Chemical Societies (FECS, Event No. 222), and 17 Hungarian institutions, foundations and companies.

In addition to the scientific sessions, a welcome party (sponsored by Netzsch), a reception, an organ recital in Tihany, an excursion to Keszthely and Badacsony, and a conference dinner completed the program.

Several ICTAC and ESTAC committees and the editorial boards of both international journals of the field held meetings during the symposium.

It was decided during the meeting of the ESTAC Committee that the next symposium, ESTAC 8 would be held in Barcelona in 2002 (Chairman: Prof. Rose Nomen).

Prof. G. Liptay
Chairman of ESTAC 7

7th International Symposium on Fracture Mechanics of Ceramics

will be held in Moscow, Russia, 20–22 July, 1999

Objectives

The objective of the symposium is to bring together the scientists involved into the problem to provide a forum for discussion of the recent results in the field of fracture fundamentals and evaluations for monolithic ceramics and ceramicmatrix composites.

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