

Preface

After reading (and also writing) many prefaces recently, it would seem appropriate at the end of the editorial work to write a preface listing the scope of the present meeting, describing more or less generically some of its outcomes, as well as thanking the authors for their fine contributions and the referees for their appreciable role of unquestionable revision and critical suggestion.

It so happens, however, that no other previous Italian calorimetry meeting met the following records: the conference was the XXth since the AICAT foundation in 1979, it was held in the superb cornice of the city of Rome, it covered not only classical subjects of calorimetry, thermal analysis and experimental thermodynamics, but also many special one-day sessions dedicated in particular to food science, biothermodynamics and cultural heritage.

All these features remain as a very important milestone in the history of the Italian societies AICAT and GICAT, whose actions have always been characterised by marks of high quality. The collection of papers here published is only a part of the many contributions given in the various forms of oral and poster presentations during the Conference.

Some of them may open a constructive debate on the use of methodology, interpretation of results, and need of future work for a better understanding of complex phenomena studied. The Guest Editors recognise that the multi facet view proposed in this special issue is a real scene of the current research and thank all the participants who made possible this publication.

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