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Preface

This issue of the Journal of Thermal Analysis and Calorimetry contains a selection of papers presented at the 29th International Vacuum Microbalance Techniques Conference, held at the University of Teesside during September 5–7, 2001. This is the first time the Conference is returning to a previous venue; the 23rd Conference was held at the University of Teesside Polytechnic) in 1989.

The continued occurrence of these gatherings has helped microbalance scientists, manufacturers and users to meet in an informal atmosphere and to exchange ideas and disseminate information on new developments. Thus we look forward to the 30th International VMT Conference to be organised in Rabat, Morocco, by Larbi Belkbir and Hassan Barkia. It will be the second time that the Conference will be returning to a previous venue; the 22nd Conference was held in Rabat in 1987.

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