

## *Preface*

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ESTAC, as all of us know, is a symposium series that takes place every four years. The last one was the ESTAC-8 Conference, which took place in Barcelona with great success. The conference attracted approximately 300 people, participants representing numerous countries including Australia, Germany, Brazil, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, England, France, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Iran, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Switzerland, Spain, Sweden and others. This ESTAC, like previous conferences, was devoted to all aspects of Thermal Analysis and Calorimetry, with emphasis on the latest achievements in theory, instrumentation, research and industrial applications. It was especially relevant to reflect the efforts of the investigators in developing new techniques, and extending the knowledge, as well as to call the users attention to apply the new methods in their daily activities.

The scientific programme had 55 oral presentations divided into several scientific sessions. Due to the limited amount of time we were not able to fit any more presentations into the congress' schedule. In addition to the oral presentations, there were 215 poster presentations, where the authors could explain their work in details to the audience. We are pleased to say that all of the scientific sessions and workshops were well received by the majority of attendants of the Congress.

We, the organisers, wish to express our gratitude to all the assistants, who contributed to the organisation of such a successful Congress. We would like to thank to those exhibitors who brought their main products and latest developments, and to the various private institutions and local government offices that provided financial support.

The organisers are grateful to those who chaired each of the scientific sessions and, whose knowledge, personality and charisma contributed to the creation of the active and interesting sessions. Additionally, we cannot forget to be thankful to those invited speakers who shared their knowledge and experiences with all delegates.

We also wish to recall two important events which took place during the closing dinner.

Firstly, the presence of Dr. Nowell of the Royal Chemical Society (UK) who reminded us of Dr. David Dollimore, one of the founders of the ESTAC Congress.

Secondly, the symbol of the continuity of ESTAC Congresses that was received by Dr. Rosa Nomen from Dr. György Pokol. She will be very happy to hand over to the next President of ESTAC-9, which will be held in Krakow, Poland.

Just as importantly, we wish to express our gratitude to the Editorial Staff of the Journal of Thermal Analysis and Calorimetry, who with their daily labour contribute by disseminating the knowledge around the world. We would especially like to mention Dr. Judith Simon Editor-in-Chief and her team, together with the referees who evaluated the published articles in order to retain the scientific atmosphere of this Congress for a long time. Finally, we wish to express our delight that this congress was held in our beautiful Barcelona, a cosmopolitan city bordered by splendid Mediterranean beaches, and overflowing with artistic and historic attractions. A city that will receive all of you again with open arms.



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