

Preface

The 9th Conference on Calorimetry and Thermal Analysis (CCTA-9) of the Polish Society of Calorimetry and Thermal Analysis was held from 31 August to 5 September 2003 in Zakopane. Faculty of Chemistry, Warsaw University of Technology in collaboration with Institute of Physical Chemistry of Polish Academy of Science in Warsaw, University of Mining and Metallurgy in Cracow and University of Łódź organized the conference.

The Conference was attended by 186 participants coming mainly from Poland (139) but also from 14 other countries. The participants presented plenary lectures (13), section lectures (25) oral communications (50) and poster presentations (80). The scientific programme consisted of the following sections: Symposium on Thermodynamics and Structure of Liquids, Inorganic Chemistry and Materials, Organic Chemistry, Pharmaceuticals and Complexes, Polish-German Symposium on Thermal Analysis, Symposium on High-energetics Materials, Theory and Instruments.

The conference was accompanied by an exhibition of commercially available instrumentations produced by Mettler-Toledo, PerkinElmer, NETZSCH, Setaram, Spectro-Lab (TA Instruments), Microscale.

Prof. Riberio da Silva and dr. Patrick O'Hare the great scientists in the field of thermodynamics, calorimetry and thermal analysis were honored by Świątosławski' medal.

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