

Editorial 2005

Dear Authors and Readers,

We greet the New Year with a complete renewal. Firstly we would like to welcome our new Publisher: Springer, Dordrecht, The Netherlands. We are proud to be associated with one of the biggest scientific Publishers of the world and honestly hoping that this relationship with the new Publisher and with Akadémiai Kiadó, Budapest, Hungary will bring many advantages to our Journal and therefore to our scientific community.

As you all can see our format has changed. We wanted to comply with the internationally widely used bigger size (A4) that is much easier to read, print and last but not least is much economical in space usage. Tables and figures can be fitted more flexibly. It is important to us to improve the quality of the Journal not only scientifically but aesthetically as well.

One of the major changes was the reconstruction of the Editorial Board. The regional divisions are unchanged, meaning that they are headed by the relevant Regional Editors, and their work and responsibilities are the same.

We experience a renaissance of TA and Calorimetry in recent years and these techniques are more and more used in research and industry over and above the classical applications, from food technology to pharmaceutical and medical applications, from archaeology to war industry. That was the reason behind the reconstruction of the formal Editorial Advisory Board according to different subject areas by appointing Associate Editors who are internationally acknowledged experts and who will take a more active role in maintaining the high scientific standards of the Journal. It is my great pleasure to welcome all Associate Editors, former Editorial Board members and the new ones – Professors L. Abate, V. Balek, G. Della Gatta, J.-P. E. Grolier, J. Kristóf, W. Kunze, M. Lalia-Kantouri, P. Le Parlouër, D. Lőrinczy, L. Núñez-Regueira, R. Ozao, Y. Pelovski, S. Petit, A. Raemy, P. Relkin, R. Riesen, A. Schiraldi, and H. Tanaka.

In addition, you will find a new section called 'Short Communications' in the list of Associate Editors. We would like to give a new meaning to this well-known form of publication. Firstly, similarly to the previous practice this opportunity is open to all the new findings or not yet thoroughly worked out ideas that the authors would like to publish as soon as possible to secure their claims to their ideas. On the other hand, we offer this opportunity to all Ph.D. students who would like to measure up their results on an international scientific forum. In this publication construction the size is very crucial and should not exceed two pages in the new format of the Journal. The accepted short communications reflecting the same quality of research as regular papers will always enjoy priority in the publication schedule!

Here I would like to mention that we are much stricter with the quality of the submitted figures. The good news is: coloured figures can be published in the electronic version of the Journal. The rule with the printed version remains the same, as we print only black-and-white.

There is also a change regarding the 25 reprints authors usually get. Since nowadays computer usage is a standard requirement in every institution as well as in private homes, in order to contribute to saving our natural resources we will not send out paper reprints, but the final page-numbered manuscript in PDF file format to the corresponding author, simultaneously with the submission of the Issue to the Printer.

We all hope that our renewed format and team will bring many unexpected success for all of us.

J. Simon

Editor-in-Chief