

Preface

I am very pleased to introduce this special issue of the Journal of Thermal Analysis and Calorimetry on the basis of the papers dedicated to the 17th Annual Meeting of the Canadian Thermal Analysis Society (CTAS) in conjunction with the 53rd International Conference on Analytical Sciences and Spectroscopy (ICASS 2007) during June 24–27, 2007, held at the Trent University, Peterborough, Ontario, Canada. This special issue contains a very rich collection of papers covering a wide range of thermo-analytical methods and various testing materials, submitted by authors from several continents. These papers provide an interesting overview of research and developments in the field of thermal analysis and calorimetry conducted in Canada and many other countries and testify that CTAS is increasingly attracting researchers from around the globe.

The success of the 17th CTAS annual meeting is the result of the dedicated volunteers who serve the Society. The CTAS executive committee and the session chairs did a great job in organizing a very high quality program and collecting excellent papers that are parts of this special chapter. My special thanks to Judit Simon (Editor-in-Chief) and Csaba Novák (Editor) of JTAC for their kind support in bringing out this special issue. CTAS is also very grateful to the vendors for their participation in exhibition, training seminars as well as vendor and technical presentations detailing developments in various instrumentations and applications. They are an integral part to the CTAS annual meeting. I hope that you all will enjoy reading the papers of this special issue.

I and my fellow CTAS associates would also like to extend a warm and cordial invitation to our colleagues in Canada and all over the world to attend the CTAS annual workshops and exhibitions. The Society web page (www.ctas.org) provides details on upcoming events, dates, venues, and registration information. I also want to take this opportunity to announce that the 2008 CTAS annual workshop and exhibition will be hosted at the Stage West Hotel, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada. Please look for further details at the CTAS webpage at www.ctas.org.

I also want to thank all the authors for their submission of such high standard papers as well as for their timely responses to the reviewer recommendations. Every paper has been reviewed at least by two independent reviewers. I am very grateful to the referees for their time and effort in the review process and as acknowledgements to their great works all of the reviewers have been listed on the next page. I also want to thank each and every of those authors who prompted me on various occasions for transforming this special issue into reality.

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