

## Editorial 2011

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The year of 2010 was successful in respect of the application of the Editorial Manager System. The authors got accustomed to the submission of their manuscripts exclusively to this system and they were very thankful they could control the procedure that their papers were undergoing. At the same time, the Scientific Editorial Office was involved in this process because quite a big number of authors had to be taught how to use the EM system but by the end of the year the problem was solved. Simultaneously, we have to acknowledge that the production of papers has improved and almost the same quality has been achieved as it had been before. The other crucial point is that the journal (both the electronic and the paper) comes out on time. We are very much pleased that the authors understood the necessity of the changes and appreciate it very much.

Let me inform you about some changes in the Editorial Board. We are very thankful to the excellent work of Prof. C.-M. Shu (Taiwan), Prof. R. K. Verma (India) and we welcome the new members, namely Prof. J. Malek (Czech Republic), Prof. S. Bharadwaj (India), Prof. J. Dweck (Brazil), and Prof. E. T. G. Cavalheiro (Brazil). Last but not least, we would like to express our thanks to Prof. Cs. Novák (Hungary), who played an important role in developing the pharmaceutical territory of the Journal, for his long-lasting editorship. It is worthwhile to mention that he opened a window to the publication of the results obtained

by Brazilian researchers in this field. At the same time, he became member of the Honorary Board.

Special thanks are due to the Guest Editors of the 2010 issues/chapters, namely professors Isabelle Beurroies, Jean Rouquerol, Tooru Atake, Hitoshi Kawaji, Manuel A. V. Ribeiro da Silva, Barbara Pacewska, Iwona Wilińska, Subhash C. Mojumdar, Konstantin Gavrichev, Valeri Drebushchak, Piotr Staszczuk, Dariusz Sternik, and Sindee Simon.

The impact factor of the Journal is not bad but it could be better. In the previous year, it was 1.630 but according to the latest report, it is somewhat lower, 1.587. One of the possible solutions to increase IF would be to decrease the number of papers, which means increasing the rejection rate. The number of papers published in the Journal of Thermal Analysis and Calorimetry is between 600 and 650 per year. The manuscripts are flowing into the Scientific Editorial Office from all over the world. Until the end of 2010, this number was approximately 1030. The Journal receives many papers from the Far East and South America just to mention the largest sources. Our philosophy is to teach the researchers in the developing countries how to use the highly developed instruments properly and how to evaluate the results obtained by them.

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In general, it can be stated that, in spite of the excellent instrumentation and wide range of applications, most of the authors need some advice, some help to share our knowledge about the value and limitation of the use of thermal analysis and calorimetry. So, the manuscripts go through a very strict peer-reviewing process and in most of the cases, the decision is: "for major revision". The authors accept the criticism and suggestions of the referees, rewrite their papers, and in their next article they try to avoid the weak points.

This is the only way how to sustain the present quality of our science, no matter how much effort it takes. I am sure it is worth doing for the future.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to the thermal community including my Co-Editors, the Regional and Associate Editors, the Honorary Members of the Board and, last but not least, to the huge number of authors and Peer-reviewers (mostly anonymous) who paved the way to the present success of our Journal. Special thanks are due to the Editorial Staff of Lexica Ltd. for their invaluable technical support.

I do hope a prosperous year is ahead of us.

Finally, I wish health and success in every aspect of your lives to all of you.

