

## Preface

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The coupled conference of ICVMTT<sup>33</sup> and 3rd COMPOSITUM was held in June 26–30, 2011 in Zamość, Poland. Zamość is known as a border region between East and West. It proved to be a good place to establish international scientific contacts.

The participants represented 10 Polish universities and many foreign scientific institutions including centers from Ukraine, Greece, United Kingdom, Romania, and Malaysia.

The scope of conference covered practically all aspects of thermal analysis and surface science, i.e., thermogravimetry, calorimetry, sorptometry, measurements of chemisorption and physisorption, surface reactions, magnetic properties, high vacuum techniques, new method of

synthesis of porous materials, industrial and environmental applications of nanocomposites, etc.

During the conference seven plenary lectures, 14 short lectures, and 67 posters were presented. The lecture sessions were accompanied by the exhibitions of chemical scientific instruments. The conference was sponsored by Netzsch, Syl&Ant Instruments, Sartorius, Sylab, LOT-Oriel, Spectro-Lab, and a representative of Hiden Analytical.

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At last, according to the decision of Steering Committee of IVMTTC, Ukraine was elected as the host of the next International Conference on Vacuum, Microbalance, and Thermoanalytical Techniques. ICVMTT<sup>34</sup> will take place in Kiev in 2013.

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