

## Introduction to the Special Section on the Workshop in Memory of Henry V. Kehiaian



It is my great honor, both as the president of the Italian Association of Calorimetry and Thermal Analysis (AICAT) and as the chairman of the Workshop in Memory of Henry V. Kehiaian, which is part of the AICAT 2010 Conference (Trieste, Italy, May 28, 2010), to introduce this special section of the *Journal of Chemical & Engineering Data* (JCED) dedicated to the memory of Henry V. Kehiaian. I thank the editor of JCED, Ken Marsh, for accepting this tribute dedicated to Henry Kehiaian, which this most outstanding of scientists deserves.

Dr. Henry V. Kehiaian died on Dec 18, 2009, after a few weeks of medical treatment in a clinic close to Paris. Though his health declined rapidly, he continued working on his last book (for Landolt-Börnstein) almost until his last day; this unwavering devotion to high-quality scientific work was his hallmark throughout his academic career.

In addition to his reputation as a leading scientist in the thermodynamics of fluid mixtures, he was known for his hospitality, his *esprit* and *joie de vivre*, and his famous mastery of providing his guests with exquisite gourmet experiences. I frequently recall with nostalgic pleasure the many visits to restaurants of repute, not only in France but also in Italy, Spain, Portugal, and elsewhere.

I was privileged to be both his colleague and friend and am pleased to repay a small part of the intellectual debt we owe him by producing this special section on various aspects of chemical thermodynamics that were central to his interests.

While Henry's scientific achievements provided the foundation for his international reputation, his personality was the basis of lasting friendships, and he will be fondly remembered. The guild of chemical thermodynamicists has lost an esteemed colleague, and those like me that had the honor of being his friend have also suffered a great loss.

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