

## PREFACE

Nordic Symposia on Thermal Analysis have been organized since 1971 under the auspices of the Nordic Society for Thermal Analysis /NSTA/. The seventh meeting sponsored by the Association of Finnish Chemical Societies was held at the University of Helsinki on June 14-16, 1982. The Symposium was attended by over hundred thermal analysts coming mainly from Scandinavia but also from six other European countries and the USA.

The good attendance and the high number of papers presented in various sessions reflect the current interest in thermoanalytical methods of investigation both in science and industry. This volume contains a collection of invited and contributed papers presented at the 7th Nordic Symposium on Thermal Analysis and gives an overview of some of the interesting recent applications of this method.

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