

Foreword

One of the pleasures of an ICTAC President is to write a foreword to the Congress Proceedings which completes his term of office, in this case the 10th. Congress held at Hatfield, U.K. which was fitting as the 1st. was held in Aberdeen.

During the period of each President much hard work, effort, inspiration, achievement and the inevitable disappointment takes place. But as usual it is the final product, the proceedings, which in the end really counts, as once published, Deo volente, they are there for ever. They represent the end products not only of the individual scientific contributions, but are a final testament to the additional large number of people who have more often than not laboured unseen and unsung behind the scenes to achieve so much. This ranges from the original congress venue proposals, through all the intricacies of political and economic intangibles of congress organization to the final mammoth post-congress job of editing, for publication the very large number of papers written in various forms of English and covering a daunting range of topics.

The congress and proceedings promote keeping abreast of scientific developments which in the period to this congress have been characterized by the development of new methods, the generation of new techniques and their applications to a rapidly expanding range of areas of thermal analysis use e.g. Biology and a resurgence in the Earth Sciences.

For my part it has been an enormous privilege to have been associated with this large number of dedicated people who individually and collectively are the backbone of ICTAC. Secondly to have this opportunity to formally recognize their invaluable contributions and thirdly to thank all members for the tremendous amount of international scientific good will, collaboration and friendship which has,

and I am convinced always will be, a salient feature of our confederation.

Concluding on a personal note, the similar warmth, friendship and generosity which has been so unstintingly extended to my wife Alice and I during our many travels in other countries in connection with ICTAC and thermal analysis bodes well for the future of science and our Confederation.

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