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Preface

The 7th Polish Seminar to the memory of Prof. St. Bretsznajder, with foreign participants, was held from 7 to 11 September 1998 in Zakopane, a widely-known tourist centre in the foot-hills of the Polish Tatra Mountains.

It was organized by the Institute of Chemistry of Warsaw University of Technology (Faculty of Civil Engineering, Mechanics and Petrochemistry in Płock), the Polish Society of Calorimetry and Thermal Analysis, the Płock Division of the Polish Chemical Society, and the Commission of Polymer Analysis (the Committee of Analytical Chemistry, Polish Academy of Sciences).

The Seminar was attended by 80 thermal analysts, mainly from Poland, but also from other countries: Belorussia, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary and Russia.

The participants presented 11 plenary lectures, 17 oral communications and 48 posters, concerning thermal analysis methods and their application to thermal decomposition investigations and the testing of inorganic solids, polymers, plastics, petrochemical products, etc. The papers or the abstracts of these contributions were printed in the Seminar Materials.

The Seminar took place at the same place and time as the 2nd School of Thermal Analysis. The latter, in contrast with the Seminar, was predominantly attended by those who intend to implement this technique into their own practice. This often means investigations on the chemistry of solids, and especially the chemical kinetics and mechanisms of heterogeneous reactions. The 2nd School of Thermal Analysis and the Seminar were accompanied by an exhibition of commercially available instrumentation, produced by TA Instruments, Setaram, Mettler-Toledo, Netzsch-Gerätebau and Shimadzu.

We would like to thank the members of the Scientific Committee for their significant contribution in the preparation of the scientific programme of the Seminar. It was a great honour and pleasure for us to work together with a large number of dedicated people.

We would also like to thank the members of the Organising Committee for their work before and during the Seminar.

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