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## *Preface*

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A small number of publications are collected in this Special Chapter of the *J. Therm. Anal. Cal.* All these publications of the Special Chapter are related to scientific areas, which are presented and discussed at our International Conferences on Pharmacy and Applied Physical Chemistry. Of course, the publications collected here are only some typical highlights compared with the scientific program of the PhandTA 8, Monte Verità, 2004 with 50 oral contributions and 25 poster presentations. A rather complete overview of the scientific program was presented in *J. Therm. Anal. Cal.*, 57, 1999. The latter volume represents a considerable part of the contributions given at the PhandTA 3, held in 1997 at the Centro Stefano Fancini at Monte Verità, Ascona, Switzerland. The scientific program is the essential part of our Conferences, however, the conference site at Monte Verità is by its history, by the site on top of a hill situated in a wonderful park, overlooking Ascona and the Lago Maggiore a rather ideal place for the conferences of our anticipated quality. The PhandTA conferences were three times held at Monte Verità. The next one, the PhandTA 9 will be held on September 10 to 13, 2006 at the "Institut für Pharmazeutische Technology und Biopharmazie", University of Düsseldorf, Germany. The 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, namely the PhandTA 10, will be held from Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> to Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> of October, 2007. This anniversary meeting will also express our activities over a period of 15 years since the foundation of the European Society for Applied Physical Chemistry in 1992.

With both of these Conferences we plan to create a Special Chapter in the JTAC.

I extend on behalf of the members of the board of eurostar-science an invitation to the members of our society and to our scientific friends to participate in the two forthcoming PhandTA's. Additionally, all possible participants should consider a publication of the presented scientific work in cooperation with the members of the board and the editors of this journal.

Cordially,

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Applied Physical Chemistry

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