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*In memoriam*

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**Professor Zhen-Rong Lu**  
(8 January 1946–5 January 2007)

Professor Zhen-Rong Lu, passed away on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2007.

Zhen-Rong Lu was born in Changshu in Jiangsu Province on 8<sup>th</sup> January 1946. He received his B.Sc. in 1968 and M.Sc. in 1981 from Nanjing University.

He worked for Suzhou Research Institute of Chemical Engineering (1968–1979); Department of Chemistry, Suzhou University (1981–1988); Department of Chemistry, The University of Melbourne, Australia (1988); Department of Chemistry, Monash University, Australia (1989); Testing and Analysis Center, Suzhou University, China (1990–2007).

Main fields of interest have been: kinetics; relationship between thermal behavior and structure of complexes; crystal and molecular structure using thermal analysis and X-ray diffraction.

He was awarded the third award of STA in 1995.

Number of publications was 84 and the number of citations was 115.

He was the writer of different chapters, i.e. Handbook of Thermal Analysis, Chapter 3–6, Published by John Wiley & Sons, Chichester 1998; Thermal Analysis Kinetics (in Chinese), Chapter 1, Science Press, Beijing 2001.

Professional activities were: Member of the Chemical Thermodynamics and Thermal Analysis Committee (CTTA), Chinese Chemical Society (CCS) (1998–2007), Editorial Board of the Journal of Thermal Analysis and Calorimetry (2003–2007), Chairman of the Thermal Analysis Committee of Jiangsu Province (1991–2007), Chairman 3<sup>rd</sup> Chinese Symposium on Thermoanalysis Kinetics and Thermokinetics Shihezi, China (2003).

Professor Lu was a good and a cordial man always. He was extremely generous, always willing to see the positive side of life.

He was a famous teacher and an outstanding researcher on a local and an international level as well. Besides his academic endeavors, he enjoyed his life spending quality time with his family and friends.

We have suffered a great loss. We will miss him a lot as we have lost a true friend.

May he rest in peace.

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