

Preface

It is my great pleasure to introduce this special issue of the Journal of Thermal Analysis and Calorimetry based on the papers dedicated to the Canadian Thermal Analysis Society Annual Workshop and Exhibition on May 9–10, 2006. This special issue contains a rich collection of papers covering a wide range of thermoanalytical techniques and materials, submitted by authors from several countries. These papers provide an interesting overview of research and developments in the field of thermal analysis and calorimetry conducted in Canada and other parts of the world and testify that CTAS is indeed increasingly attracting scientists from around the globe.

The success of the 16th CTAS annual workshop and exhibition is the result of the dedicated volunteers who serve the Society. The CTAS executive committee along with the session chairs did an excellent job in organizing a high quality program and collecting excellent papers that are parts of this special chapter. My special thanks to Judit Simon (Editor-in-Chief) and Csaba Novak (Editor) of JTAC for their kind support in bringing out this special issue. CTAS is also grateful to the vendors for their participation in exhibition, training seminars as well as vendor and technical presentations detailing developments in instrumentation and applications. They are an integral part to the CTAS annual workshop and exhibition. I hope that you all will enjoy reading the papers of this special issue.

I and my fellow CTAS associates would also like to extend a warm and cordial invitation to our colleagues in Canada and all over the world to attend the CTAS annual workshop and exhibition. The Society web page provides details on upcoming events, dates, venues, and registration information. I may also kindly be allowed to take this opportunity to announce that the 2007 CTAS annual meeting was hosted at the campus of the Trent University in conjunction with the 53rd International Conference on Analytical Sciences and Spectroscopy. Please visit the CTAS webpage at www.ctas.org.

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