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A special moment with some of the 2010 CTAS participants



Closing moment with some of the 2010 CTAS participants

Preface

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I am delighted to introduce this special issue of the Journal of Thermal Analysis and Calorimetry based on the articles dedicated to the Canadian Thermal Analysis Society's Annual Workshop and Exhibition on May 12–13, 2010. This special issue contains a great collection of papers covering a wide range of thermal analysis and calorimetric techniques, and materials, submitted by authors from many continents. These articles give an excellent overview of research and developments in the field of thermal analysis and calorimetry carried out in Canada and around the globe and also testify that CTAS is increasingly attracting researchers from around the world.

CTAS has celebrated its 20th Birthday in 2010. The success of the 20th CTAS annual workshop and exhibition is a result of the hard work of the dedicated volunteers who serve the society. CTAS executive committee along with the session chairs have done an excellent job in organizing a very high quality program and collecting excellent articles that are parts of this special issue. My special gratitude to Professor Judit Simon (Editor-in-Chief), Professor Csaba Novak (Editor), and staffs of the Editorial Office of JTAC for their continuous supports in bringing out this special issue in a timely manner. CTAS is also very grateful to TA Instruments, Mettler-Toledo Inc., Setaram Instrumentation, C-Therm Technologies, Netzsch Instruments Inc., and PerkinElmer LAS Inc. for their participation in exhibition,

training seminars, vendor, and/or technical presentations explaining the developments in instrumentation and applications of thermal analysis and calorimetry in various fields. They are an integral part of the CTAS annual workshop and exhibition. I hope you 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 future CTAS annual workshops and exhibitions. The society's web page provides details on upcoming events, venues, dates, and registration information. I may also kindly be allowed to take this opportunity to announce that the 2011 CTAS Annual Workshop and Exhibition will be hosted at the University of Guelph, Guelph, ON, Canada on May 10–11. More information can be found at www.ctas.org.

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