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Preface

The 14th Nordic Symposium on Thermal Analysis and Calorimetry hosted 55 presentations on different aspects of thermal analysis and calorimetry. A portion of the papers are presented in this special volume. All papers have undergone a careful refereeing process.

35 oral presentations during a three day symposium implies a rather condensed programme. The technical part included five invited lectures: J.N. Hay, "Recent development in the characterization of polymers by thermal analysis"; A. Navrotsky, "Calorimetric studies of energetics of perovskite related materials"; J. Rouquerol, "The calorimetric study of gas adsorption into model porous adsorbents (aluminium free zeolites) to study the state of the adsorbed phase"; H.G. Wiedemann, "Approach to ancient Chinese artifacts by means of thermal analysis"; and P.H. Willcocks, "Aspects of quality assurance within the industrial thermal analysis laboratory". A special session on the use of thermal analysis in production and characterization of ceramic materials was arranged in co-operation with the Norwegian Ceramic Society.

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