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### Publisher's Note

We are pleased to introduce Professor James Leigh Ford as the fourth editor of *Thermochimica Acta*. Our observant readers will remember the special issue "Pharmaceuticals and Thermal Analysis" which was edited by Professor Ford and appeared earlier this year. Professor Ford was also co-author of "Pharmaceutical Thermal Analysis" which is regarded as the definitive text on the topic. In addition, Professor Ford has written 6 chapters, 100 scientific papers, presented more than 60 papers and 20 plenary lectures at conferences. Moreover, Professor Ford is a consultant for a considerable number of industrial companies.

Professor Ford's current research interests include solid dispersion techniques and their applications to the liquid filling of gelatin capsules, thermal analysis of drugs, pharmaceutical excipients and polymers, cellulose ethers in extended-release matrices, the role of moisture on the physical properties of drugs, pharmaceutical excipients and hydrophilic polymers contained in hydrophobic polymeric dressings, and controlled release from coated pellets.

We should like to invite authors to submit their papers to Professor Ford at the address given below. Professor Ford will start his editorship with the appearance of the present issue.

We have every confidence that Professor Ford's editorial input will strengthen and add to the reputation of our journal. We wish him much success and satisfaction in his new tasks.

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