



Foreword

The first UK National Symposium on Thermal Analysis and Calorimetry was held in Leeds on April 17th & 19th, 1996 and was jointly organized by the Thermal Methods Group of the Royal Society of Chemistry and the Thermal Analysis Consultancy Service of Leeds Metropolitan University. The Symposium was established with the aim of providing a forum, where scientists from the UK and abroad, could meet on a regular basis to present and discuss current research work across a wide range of disciplines. In particular, it was intended that the meetings would provide an opportunity for the active participation of younger research workers. The success of these aims was realised by the attendance of over 100 delegates from seven countries.

Plenary lectures were presented by Dr. Jean Rouguerol (Centre de Thermodynamique et de Microcalorimétrie, Marseille, France) on Controlled Transformation Rate Thermal Analysis and Professor Ingemar Wadsö (Chemical Centre, University of Lund, Sweden) on Isothermal Microcalorimetry. In addition there was a total of 44 scientific contributions split equally between oral and poster presentations. The wide range of topics and experimental techniques discussed at the meeting is demonstrated by this special issue which contains one of the plenary lectures and 15 papers.

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