



Preface

The 22nd NATAS Conference hosted 130 paper and 23 poster presentations. A portion of these papers were peer reviewed and are presented in this special volume. These papers were prepared for publication by careful refereeing, revision, and editing.

The conference was of the highest quality even though the tough economic times kept attendance (235 registrants and 13 equipment exhibitors) at a below anticipated level. The usual short course program was also canceled owing to insufficient registration. The technical program was initiated with two plenary lectures: one by Roger Porter, "Thermal Analysis for the Evaluation of Polymer Systems," and one by Andrew McGhie, "Applications of Thermal Analysis Techniques to Fullerene Research." Additional sessions were held on TA techniques, Instruments and Software, Polymer Blends and Copolymers, Electronic Materials, TA in Polymers, Thermosets, Thermoplastics and Composites, Biological Materials and Foods, Quality Control, Inorganics and Ceramics, Energy and Fossil Fuels, and a General Session.

The annual conference was organized by Peter Kamarchik and his team of eager volunteers. This team was composed of: Don Burlett (Exhibits), Stephen Cheng (Program), Jerry Patterson (Registration), Kathryn Williams (Proceedings), many Session Chairs, Student Volunteers, and Marilyn Hauck and Michelle Nicolay of The Complete Conference.

Professor Yuli K. Godovsky of the Karpov Institute of Physical Chemistry in Moscow, The Russian Federation received the Mettler Award, Professor Godovsky was honored for his outstanding work in thermal analysis, including the evaluation of thermophysical properties of polymers using microcalorimetry, dilatometry, deformation chemistry, and thermomechanical analysis. He was also honored for his efforts in disseminating and teaching thermal analysis. The NATAS Outstanding Service Award was presented to Bonnie J. Bachman. She has provided many years of service to the Society as Society President, Vice-President, Past President, and Society Secretary, and has served on many committees. Many of the activities in which Ms. Bachman has participated have had a lasting impact on NATAS. Professor Robert K. Eby and Professor Stephen Z.D. Cheng were selected as NATAS Fellows.

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