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Foreword

On 29–31 March 1995 the 11th Ulm Calorimetry Conference was held at the Technische Universität Bergakademie Freiberg, organized by the Institute of Physical Chemistry with the assistance of the German Society of Thermal Analysis (CEFTA). It was the first time that this traditional meeting was held outside of Ulm. Nevertheless, the shift to a new place, albeit with a well-known tradition in calorimetry, in eastern Germany had a stimulating influence both on the quantity and quality of the contributions. One hundred and forty-five participants from seven countries (most of them from German speaking ones) attended.

A total of 80 scientific contributions (43 lectures and 36 posters), and two workshops on calorimetry and its applications in different scientific fields from biochemistry to solid-state physics were presented. They covered the total range of calorimetric investigations from fundamentals (e.g. theory of modulated temperature DSC) to practical uses (e.g. reaction calorimetry).

Ten manufacturers exhibited calorimeters and auxiliary equipment.

One of the advantages of such a method-centred meeting with a very broad distribution of applications is the potential stimulation of research from the application of the same method in rather different fields of science. Hence, discussion between colleagues was one of the main activities within the framework of this meeting.

This special issue contains 21 papers from plenary lectures and oral and poster presentations made at this conference, which may enable the reader to get an impression of the investigations on this field in central Europe.

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