



## Foreword

From 19–21 March, 1997 the 12th Ulm-Freiberg Calorimetry Conference took place at the Technische Universität Bergakademie Freiberg (Germany). The conference was organised by the Institute of Physical Chemistry, with the assistance of the German Society of Thermal Analysis (GEFTA). Again, the conference provided a forum, where all kinds of calorimetric work could be presented and discussed. The conference was attended by more than 130 scientists. Over 40 lectures and 40 posters showed both theory and application of classical calorimetry, from bomb calorimetry to calorimetry in medicine and new trends in the field, e.g. micro thermophysics and super microcalorimetry. Two workshops on biochemistry/biomedicine and nanocalorimetry showed the latest developments. Manufacturers of calorimeters, thermoanalytical equipment and temperature sensors presented their products.

The first GEFTA Science Award was presented to Prof. I. Lamprecht, Berlin, for his outstanding scientific work in the field of biocalorimetry.

This issue contains 33 papers from plenary sessions, short oral contributions and poster presentations. This selection may give an impression of the calorimetric work going on in Central Europe at present.

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