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## Preface

The 14th Ulm-Freiberg Calorimetry Conference was held at the Technische Universität Bergakademie Freiberg, Germany, 21-23 March 2001. The conference was organised by the Institute of Physical Chemistry with the assistance of the German Society of Thermal Analysis (GEFTA). The conference provides a forum where all kinds of calorimetric work can be presented and discussed. It was attended by more than 150 scientists from Germany and different European countries. Over 50 lectures and 40 posters presented both theory and applications of different calorimetric methods, from bomb calorimetry to calorimetry in medicine, and also covered new trends in the field, e.g., biocalorimetry and microcalorimetry. Two workshops, "GUM-uncertainty budget in calorimetry" and "combustion heat of gases", covered the latest developments and stimulated interesting discussions. Manufacturers of calorimeters, thermoanalytical equipment and temperature sensors exhibited their newest products.

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

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