

Preface

It is my great pleasure to introduce this special chapter of the Journal of Thermal Analysis and Calorimetry based on the papers dedicated to the Canadian Thermal Analysis Society's Annual Workshop and Exhibition on May 13–14, 2008. This special chapter contains a very rich collection of papers covering a wide range of thermoanalytical techniques and materials, submitted by authors from many countries. These papers provide a very interesting overview of research and developments in the field of thermal analysis and calorimetry conducted in Canada and other parts of the globe and testify that CTAS is really increasingly attracting scientists from around the world.

The success of the 18th CTAS annual workshop and exhibition is the result of the dedicated volunteers who serve the society. CTAS executive committee along with the session chairs did a great job in organizing a high quality program and collecting excellent papers that are parts of this special chapter. My special gratitude to Professor Judit Simon (Editor-in-Chief), Professor Csaba Novák (Editor) and staffs of the Editorial Office of JTAC for their kind helps in bringing out this special issue. CTAS is also very grateful to TA Instruments, Mettler-Toledo Inc., Thermal Hazard Technology, Gamble Technologies Limited, Netzsch Instruments Inc. and PerkinElmer LAS Inc. for their participation in exhibition, training seminars, vendor and/or technical presentations detailing the developments in instrumentation and applications. They are an integral part to the CTAS annual workshop and exhibition. I hope that you all will enjoy reading the papers of this special chapter.

I and my fellow CTAS associates would also like to extend a warm and cordial invitation to our colleagues in Canada and all over the world to attend the future CTAS annual workshops and exhibitions. The society web page provides details on upcoming events, dates, venues, and registration information. I may also kindly be allowed to take this opportunity to announce that the 2009 CTAS Annual Workshop and Exhibition will be hosted at the Chimo Hotel, Ottawa, ON, Canada on May 12–13. Please visit the CTAS webpage at www.ctas.org for more information.

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