

Preface

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The series of papers presented in this issue of Journal of Thermal Analysis and Calorimetry represents a selection of papers delivered at the 3rd Joint Czech–Hungarian–Polish–Slovak Thermoanalytical Conference. The Conference originated within 2005–2006 when the Heads of national thermoanalytical groups (J. Šesták—Czech Republic; Cs. Novák—Hungary; B. Pacewska—Poland; P. Šimon—Slovakia) decided to merge their local conferences into an international one with a higher scientific impact. The periodicity of the Joint Czech–Hungarian–Polish–Slovak Thermoanalytical Conference is 2 years. After Sopron (Hungary 2007) and Zakopane (Poland 2009), in 2011 the conference was held on 27–29 June at Stará Lesná, which is situated in the High Tatras region. The forests in High Tatras were heavily damaged by the hurricane in 2004; however, the nature gradually recovers and the region belongs to beauty spots of Slovakia.

The conference was attended by 66 participants, mainly from Slovakia, Czech Republic, Poland and Hungary, but also from Belgium, Germany, Spain and Australia. Scientists dealing with inorganic and organic materials, ceramics, glass, pharmacy, polymer science and TA methods and instrumentation presented 3 plenary lectures, 4 key lectures, 10 lectures and 29 posters. The sponsorship was provided by the companies Netzsch, TA Instruments and Mettler-Toledo.

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The 4th Joint Czech–Hungarian–Polish–Slovak Thermoanalytical Conference will be held in 2013 in Pardubice, Czech Republic. We invite you to visit that beautiful city and to participate at the conference.



From right to left: Jaroslav Šesták, Jiří Málek, Petra Šulcová, Csaba Novák, György Liptay, Mrs. Novák, Peter Šimon



Front of the table at the conference dinner. From right to left: Barbara Pacewska, Peter Šimon, Petra Šulcová, György Liptay

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