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Editorial

With this special conference issue, we are delighted to present eight peer-reviewed papers on Chemical Spectroscopy in China. The papers were selected from two international conferences held at Sichuan University, Chengdu, China: the 6th International Symposium on Green Chemistry in China, and the 4th Conference for Worldwide Young Chinese Chemists. The two conferences were originally scheduled to be held in Summer 2003. Unfortunately, they had to be delayed and rescheduled due to the outbreak of severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) in 2003. The former was held October 17–24, 2003, with 123 abstracts and more than 60 brave people who took the risk of catching SARS by traveling around. The latter was eventually held August 1–7, 2004, with 140 abstracts but only 80-plus conferees from around the world, partially due to too many conferences postponed from the previous year. We thank the authors for support and apologize for the delay of publication of this special issue, which is mainly due to the disastrous SARS epidemic. Nevertheless, the publication of this special issue is a good way for us to memorialize both the hard time of SARS in 2003 and the academic aspects.

This special issue was assembled by Dr. Xiandeng (Dan) Hou, who is an associate editor of *Spectroscopy Letters*. His biography follows.

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