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Editorial

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Guest Editors

RISO 2007: TWO INTENSE DAYS

This special issue of *Spectroscopy Letters* is devoted to a selection of papers presented at RISO 2007, “The International Meeting on Spectroscopy and Optics,” which was held in Kénitra (Morocco) on June 1–2; 2007.

The selected papers offer an overview of the subjects covered by the meeting and are just a small part of the 6 plenary lectures, 32 oral presentations, and 111 posters presented at this meeting, which was organized by the Faculty of Science, Ibn Tofail University, Kenitra; the Moroccan Society of Spectroscopy and Optics; and an international scientific committee composed of research spectroscopists from Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Spain, France, Portugal, Canada, Poland, Romania, Japan, and Italy chaired by Prof. M. Chafik El Idrissi and with an organizing committee made up of 16 widely known Moroccan physicists.

The relevance of the aforementioned meeting is in good agreement with the reasons to devote issue 6, volume 41 of *Spectroscopy Letters* to research on spectroscopy in Morocco.

In fact, Moroccan spectroscopists are nowadays an active group of members of the university integrated with members of industrial laboratories who try to do the best not always in the best of conditions suited for scientific research. However, it is clear that a great amount of originality and enthusiasm can help to replace the lack of appropriate instrumentation and materials.

The RISO Conference was designed to be a forum for exchanges of experience and expertise on subjects ranging from nanomaterials and nanotechnology to spectroscopy and optics, renewable and alternative energies, physicochemical characterization of materials, together with medical applications and telecommunications.

The conference was a good opportunity to show the excellent health of Moroccan spectroscopy and to improve the level of knowledge of all participants.

An important reason for the success of the meeting was the participation of Dr. J.C. Bernède, Dr. C. Brosseau, and Dr. J. Ebothé from France, Dr. I.V. Kityk from Poland, Dr. M. Oyama from Japan, and Dr. B. Sahraoui from Morocco as plenary conference speakers. Special thanks should also

go to all the participants who provided a good and rich scientific atmosphere.

We consider it is a personal privilege for us to offer the international community some of the results of the

conference, and we acknowledge Professor Robert G. Michel, executive editor of *Spectroscopy Letters*, and his staff for the good job made to extend the fruitful 2 days of the RISO Conference to readers of the journal.