

## Editorial

First of all, on behalf of the editors and the publishing staff, let us wish you a happy and successful New Year 2021!

2020 was a very difficult year for all of us. In particular, the restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic imposed on social and academic life had a huge impact on the science community. Many conferences were cancelled, among them the 22nd European Conference on Thermophysical Properties (ECTP 2020), the main venue for the European thermophysics community. This conference is now postponed to 2023 and will be held in Venice, Italy. Other conferences changed their format and were held virtually. In addition, many research laboratories were shut down, and researchers had no access to their institutions.

The immediate impact on the editorial and publishing staff of *HTHP* was mild, as most of the editorial work could be carried out remotely from the home office.

We were able to maintain a stable paper flow and to publish the six issues of volume 49. In fact, as Editors-in-Chief we have now received more than 1000 submissions to *HTHP* since the present publishers took over in 2007.

In addition to regular papers, we published selected and peer-reviewed papers from the 12th International Workshop on Subsecond Thermophysics (IWSSTP 12) and from the 12th Asian Thermophysical Properties Conference (ATPC 2019). We thank the Guest Editors, Jürgen Brillo, Maogang He and Xiangyang Liu, respectively, for their excellent work.

Results of the policy of publishing authoritative reviews on application-oriented thermophysical properties research began to appear in volume 49. The first such review was entitled “Microalgae to biofuel conversion”, and the second, “Rubber rheology in tire tread extrusion”. There are more to come in volume 50. If you have a suggestion for such a review paper, please let us know and we will consider it carefully.

There have been a few changes in our Editorial Board. Enrica Ricci has left the board and is replaced by Laura Fedele, both from Italy. We thank

Enrica for her valuable support of the journal, and we look forward to working with Laura. Francesco Righini, a long-standing member of our Advisory Editorial Board and founding father of *HTHP*, has also resigned. His guidance and advice were a great help in keeping this journal on track. We wish him all the best for the future.

In this issue, you will also find the author index for volume 49. Author names are listed in alphabetical order, according to their family name. To assist in the process of compiling the index, please ensure that, in all submissions, authors are identified first by their given names followed by their family names.

The Editors-in-Chief and publisher are committed to providing fast publication of accepted submissions. To keep times to publication short, we rely on the cooperation of potential reviewers. We would greatly appreciate it if reviewers who are not able for whatever reason to review a paper would inform us of their decision quickly, and, if possible, suggest alternative reviewers.

Our sincere thanks go to our authors, reviewers, and members of the editorial board for their excellent work, and – of course – to our subscribers, not to mention readers. We also want to thank our publishers, Old City Publishing, in particular Ian Mellanby, Martin O’Neill, Guy Griffiths and Ed Farnsworth for their support and cooperation.

We look forward to continuing to receive and publish high-quality thermo-physical property research papers in 2021. Once again, a happy and prosperous New Year to you all!

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