

Editorial

First of all, on behalf of the editors and the publishing staff, let us wish you a happy and successful New Year 2022!

2021 was again a very difficult year for all of us. The restrictions imposed on social and academic life due to the COVID-19 pandemic had a huge impact on the science community. Many conferences were cancelled or 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 our web-based editorial system allows remote access from home offices.

Despite these difficult circumstances, we were able to maintain a stable paper flow and to publish the six issues of volume 50, totalling almost 500 pages. Among them, we published selected papers from the 20th symposium of the Korean Society of Thermophysical Properties (KSTP 20) and from the Sixth International Conference on Thermophysical and Mechanical Properties of Advanced Materials, (THERMAM). We thank the Guest Editors, Yeon Suk Choi, and Sebnem Tavman and Alpaslan Turgut, respectively, for their excellent work.

Recently, we have had to mourn the death of some outstanding members of the thermophysics community. Vladimir Fortov of the Russian Academy of Sciences, passed away due to COVID infection. Among many other duties, he was also a member of our international advisory board. Ismail Tavman had already passed away in 2018, much too early. The papers of issue 6 of volume 50 are dedicated to him.

In this issue, you will also find the author index for volume 50. 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.

According to our tradition of continuously adapting the composition of the Editorial Board, we plan a major update for 2022, in order to improve its geographical and topical balance.

We also continue our efforts to speed up the publication cycle. The critical step here is the assignment of reviewers. To keep times to publication short, we rely on the cooperation of potential reviewers. Reviewers who are not able or willing to review a paper should 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 thermophysical property research papers in 2022. Once again, a happy and prosperous New Year to you all!

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