



TO THE MEMBERS OF IMEKO TC12

Dear Colleagues

Welcome to the usual appointment with the semiannual Newsletter that brings you up-to-date with TC12 activities. This has been a rather quiet semester, where most of the work has been done behind the scenes.

Following the very successful TEMPMEKO 2007 in late May, much hard work has been going on by editors, authors and referees to transform the Symposium presentations into fully refereed papers to be published in several Special Issues of the International Journal of Thermophysics. The main article of this Newsletter is an interim report by the Proceedings Editor that provides details on the ongoing editorial work and the exact situation in early December.

The section on TC12 News provides information on what has been done in preparing the new website of TC12, even if such work has not yet been completed.

I would like to conclude this Introduction in sending to all of you and to your families the best wishes for the forthcoming holiday season and in wishing to all of you much success in your work and activities during 2008.

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The 138 oral and 107 poster presentations of the conference resulted in a total of 234 manuscripts for consideration in the printed proceedings - a few authors making presentations decided to forego this publication opportunity.

The process towards publishing the majority of the submitted papers is making steady progress. I have 'Accepted' for publication 82 papers, 19 have been 'Rejected' (of these, 1 was published elsewhere and 1 was not presented at TEMPMEKO), 3 were 'Withdrawn' by the authors at some point in the review cycle, 30 are 'Under review' (the author has revised the manuscript to address the reviewer's comments, though several review/revision cycles are sometimes required), 55 are 'Waiting for authors' to respond to the reviews, 33 are 'Waiting for reviews' (waiting for the reviewers to submit their report), 8 are 'Waiting for 2nd review'

(in some cases, I have sought a second - and sometimes a third - review for various reasons), for 1 paper the 'Review is ready but not sent', and for 3 manuscripts the 'Reviewer is unassigned'

Progress is being made on a daily basis, but completion of the proceedings in a timely manner requires that both authors and reviewers respond within a reasonable timeframe. This has not always been the case, as some authors have yet to respond to reviews that they received months ago (June - 1, July - 8, August - 5, September - 8, October - 6). I remain optimistic that work on all the accepted manuscripts will be completed by May 2008 and available online shortly thereafter, even though the assignment to journal issue and printing of hardcopies may take somewhat longer.

Regarding the situation at the journal side, the printing of the first Special Issue of the TEMPMEKO 2007 Proceedings is imminent. It will be the December 2007 issue of the International Journal of Thermophysics, No. 6, and it will contain 44 fully refereed papers and the preface to the issue. The list of content is available to everybody online at

<http://www.springerlink.com/content/0195-928X> .

The IJT makes papers available as soon as possible through their "Online First" page of the IJT web site and 49 TEMPMEKO papers are among the 56 articles already available for viewing. The accessible content may depend on the kind of subscription that your institution has with Springer and IJT.

There was sufficient interest in printed copies of the proceedings for me to order 60 copies of the first issue

I would like to conclude this interim report by thanking the Associate Editors, the IJT Editor, all the authors and reviewers for their work in producing the Proceedings of TEMPMEKO 2007. Authors are naturally reminded that publication will occur over several Special Issues of the IJT, and therefore any delay on their part will mean that their manuscript might appear in print in later issues.

Ken Hill
Editor, Proceedings of TEMPMEKO 2007

TC12 News

TC12 website. Work has been going on for several months to produce a new website, using a Content Management System (Joomla) that allows web pages to be prepared and edited locally and then stored on the PTB servers, that host the IMEKO website and the related TC pages. TC12 has decided to follow the approach of various other TCs, adopting a common format and structure for uniformity with other committees.

Many thanks are due to the TC12 Webmaster, who has learned the new system and produced the new pages. The work on the new website is almost completed, but some technical problems have surfaced recently that need to be solved with the help of the IMEKO Webmaster. We remain hopeful that the new website might be available early in 2008.

Unfortunately the work on the new website has meant that the current pages available to the public have not been recently updated and therefore sometimes they contain inaccurate information. We apologize for any inconvenience.