The success of the first “Who is Who in Thermal Analysis and Calorimetry” book (2004) encouraged us that after a decade we publish a broadened, second edition. After the pioneers of thermal analysis, now the second generation of thermal analysts is about to retire. Sadly, some of the previous outstanding scientists have passed away. Parallelly, in the recent decade a great deal of young researchers have joined thermal analysis. In addition, there has been a large change in the publication and scientometric trends, and the research infrastructure and data evaluation have also developed continuously.

The broadening of thermal analysis is clearly marked by that while in the first edition ca. 240 researchers were presented, now ca. 340 of them are featured in the present, second edition. 60–70% of the people presented in the book are new names, compared to the first edition, which clearly shows the generation change in thermal analysis. The distribution of scientists from the various countries has also changed.


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