

From the Editors

This issue of Thermal Science scientific journal is again dedicated to the research in the field of energy efficiency in transportation sector with special emphasis on thermal processes of internal combustion engines as the main factor in vehicle fuel consumption. According to the opinions of our reviewers (the list of reviewers participating in this issue is given at next page) we have chosen 33 papers for this issue from a large number (about 80) of submitted manuscripts on internal combustion engine and transport energy efficiency problems. Unfortunately, some submitted papers are still under revision and a number of papers have not been accepted for publication because of their lack of scientific level, since they mainly have presented obtained experimental results without any original or new insights.

This issue discusses two main problems of current transportation: high pollution caused by toxic engine exhaust emissions and high consumption of fossil fuels. Presented papers suggest that these problems can be solved by further improvement of internal combustion engines, by application of alternative fuels and by introduction of alternative power drive systems. To find optimal solutions for the current world energetic situation, global warming and air pollution, the intensive research in the transportation sector is necessary. Therefore, certain results of these researches are presented in the papers of this issue.

The papers in this issue range from fundamental research of engine's thermal processes up to the effects of transport conditions on energy consumption and air pollution. Internal combustion engine processes research involves two extremes: on the one side, computational methods of engine process simulation models, and, on the other hand, experimental studies of engine flow processes, combustion process, injection system and the effects of different interventions on exhaust emissions. Considerable part of this issue is devoted to the actual utilization of various alternative fuels (natural gas, biofuel, ethanol, hydrogen, etc.) as well as their properties and their effects on engine performances and emissions. Several papers discuss also the problems of different alternative drive systems and real driving emissions and fuel consumption of vehicle fleet. In any case, the problems of energy efficiency and engine emissions dominate this issue.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to all the authors (originating not only from Serbia but also from India, Turkey, China, Romania, Netherland, Poland, Ethiopia, Mexico and Brazil) on their desire and interest to publish their research results in our journal. Owing to them the quality of our magazine is growing, which is reflected in its SCI factor. Also, in my own name and on behalf of all authors, I have to pay special appreciation to the reviewers (from eminent international institutions from Serbia, Turkey, China, Italy, Poland, Romania, Hungary, France, United Kingdom, Slovenia, Austria, Montenegro, Russia, USA, Iran and Bosnia) for their cordial and qualitative comments and opinions, which have strongly improved the level of this issue, but also essentially have helped the authors to improve the quality of their papers. The Editorial Board would like to express the gratitude to all reviewers for their effort and help. The list of reviewers involved in the choice of papers for this issue follows.

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