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Dear colleagues,

after two years of pandemic-based restrictions in the daily life of our scientific associations, we are presumably now facing an enduring normalization of life in our countries.

We hope that all of you, members and boards of our partner associations in the Polish and the Czech as well of the Slovak republics, have overcome this difficult period without serious health consequences. We are sending you our best greetings!

In this regard, we would like to inform you that we have started the planning of our annual GEFTA meeting which is to be held in Dresden as an

International Symposium on Thermal Analysis and Calorimetry 28. 09. - 30. 09. 2022 Max-Planck Institute for Chemical Physics of Solids Nöthnitzer Straße 40, D-01187 Dresden

As in 2000 and 2010, the Dresden meeting will be organized as a joint symposium of the TA associations of our neighbouring countries.

The symposium will be jointly organized by Dr. Markus Schmidt from the MPI and by Professor Peer Schmidt from the Brandenburg University of Technology (BTU) Cottbus-Senftenberg (formerly active in Dresden). You might know the latter personally already, as Peer Schmidt was the local organizer of both previous international conferences in Dresden.

We would very much appreciate if your associations could participate in this Dresden conference and if you could propose the title of a keynote lecture (45 min) of one representative of your association. Further oral (20 min) or poster contributions are welcome of course and will be considered by the local organizers for their insertion in the conference schedule.

Furthermore, we will inform you that a NETZSCH Young Scientist Award is planned to be awarded again (Awardee not older than 35 years). We would very much appreciate if one of our foreign guests could be honoured with this prize. Please, nominate a candidate for this award (Short CV, publication list, short nomination text from your association with a motivation letter).

We will not focus on a more precise conference title as, at the moment, our main goal is the reactivation of the scientific life of GEFTA in close cooperation with our partner associations. This means that each topic from our classical fields will be of interest.

Dear colleagues, please let us know your opinion about this proposal.

With the best wishes for a successful revitalization of our cooperation, sincerely yours

Dirk Walter on behalf of the GEFTA board