

## Opening address

On behalf of both Scientific and Organizing Committees I welcome all of you at this nice city of Cracow, which is the old capital of our country.

It is a great honor and privilege for me and all my coworkers to hold today the seventh edition of the international conference on transport phenomena in multiphase systems which started in 1996 when professor Wójcik, head of the organizing committee, and I worked in the same scientific group being affiliated at Kielce University of Technology.

As I already said, we started this conference in 1996 under a very brief name HEAT plus the year of the meeting. Since that time we have managed to make friends with our devoted and stanch participants turning up for us from day one.

The main purpose of this scientific meeting is still the same – to provide an opportunity for specialists, particularly from Europe, to exchange ideas and recent achievements with colleagues of our profession from all over the world.

From the very beginning the conference has been planned as medium-sized designated scientific meeting during which the participants can give presentations and take part in discussions. We believe that such a way of dealing with scientific matters will promote personal contacts, extremely needed for scientists. These contacts should result in future common scientific programs in the field of multiphase heat transfer and transport phenomena.

We meet invariably every three years. More than ten years ago, Poland joined the European Union and thus we decided to request the EURO THERM COMMITTEE to be the auspices organization. The aim of EURO THERM is to promote and foster European cooperation in thermal sciences and heat transfer by gathering together scientists and engineers working in specialized areas. From now on, the name of our HEAT conference will be 101 EURO THERM SEMINAR.

It is a joy to welcome you this time in one of the oldest and most beautiful cities in this country. It used to be the royal capital and the coronation place for the kings of Poland. More than a thousand years old Cracow is an elegant city famous for its fascinating history and an abundance of historic, magnificent buildings. After the sessions, we want to invite you to a stroll across the Old Town to feel the unique atmosphere and charm of the place, where Nicolaus Copernicus who stopped the sun and moved the earth, started his academic education.

I need to emphasize that this institution, the AGH University of Science and Technology, has long been recognized as one of the best and largest technical universities in Poland.

In addition to the scientific program, the organizers have looked to provide an interesting tourist program, which I hope you will really enjoy.

And finally, let me express my personal joy and satisfaction that at this edition of the conference I can see many of you who come here for the second, third and the even the fourth time.

I hope we all understand that the conference has been officially opened. Let us start the program. I'm sure we're all looking forward to the presentations that have been scheduled.

I wish success to the conference and welcome you once again.

*Prof. Mieczysław E. Poniewski*  
*Chairman*