

## **Guest Editorial**

Welcome to the Special Issue of Selected Papers from the First National Catalysis Conference (NCC-1) organized by the Catalysis Society of Turkey and held on 17-20 January 2007 at the Northern Cyprus Campus of Middle East Technical University in Güzelyurt, Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. The Conference Program aimed to cover the present status of catalysis in Turkey in terms of both academic research and industrial applications. A total of 35 oral and 20 poster presentations were included in the Program. Authors of research papers were invited to submit their work in extended form for peer review by the Turkish Journal of Chemistry. The present Special Issue includes 13 research papers and 2 invited review articles based on keynote lectures.

The Catalysis Society of Turkey was created in 2006. An inaugural meeting consisting of 14 presentations on catalysis convened in October 2006 in Ankara. NCC-1, held on 17-20 January 2007, was the first major nationwide conference organization of the Catalysis Society of Turkey, which became a full member of the European Federation of Catalysis Societies (EFCATS) on 26 August 2007. It was decided to organize catalysis conferences at national level in even numbered years and to participate in the biennial European Catalysis Congress (EuropaCat) organized by EFCATS in odd numbered years.

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