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#### Preface

These proceedings contain a selection of papers presented at the 10<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Diffusion in Materials (DIMAT-2017) held at the Dan Panorama Hotel in Haifa, Israel between May 7<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The conference was attended by 117 participants from 20 different countries. The largest group was from the host country, Israel (31), followed by the Russian Federation (21) and Germany (18).

DIMAT is an internationally recognized conference series for diffusion and mass transfer in solids. The first two conferences (Diffusion in Metals and Alloys, DIMETA) were held in Hungary in 1982 and 1988, and since then the conferences were held on a regular basis every three to four years in: Kyoto, Japan (1992), Münster, Germany (1996), Paris, France (2000), Cracow, Poland (2004), Lanzarote, Spain (2008), Dijon, France (2011), and Münster, Germany (2014). The aim of DIMAT is to bring together researchers working in diverse areas of Materials Science and Solid State Physics, in which the kinetics of atom movements within materials plays a major role. One of the aims of DIMAT 2017 was to reach out to the less-traditional field of science and technology where the atomic random walks are important, such as mineralogy, energy storage and conversion, polymers and hybrid organic-inorganic materials, and more. We were particularly happy that several organizers of previous DIMAT conferences attended DIMAT-2017: Prof. D. Beke (DIMETA 1982 and 1988), Prof. H. Mehrer (DIMAT-1996), Prof. N.A. Stolwijk (DIMAT-1996 and 2014), and Prof. S.V. Divinski (DIMAT-2014).

The proceedings contain contributions presented at DIMAT-2017 in the following fields:

-Bulk diffusion and reactions;

-Computer simulations of diffusion and diffusion-controlled processes;

-Diffusion and surface diffusion in thin films, nanoparticles, and grain boundaries;

-Diffusion in solid-gas systems;

-Diffusion in materials processing.

The contributions published in these proceedings reflect only a partial picture of the talks presented at the DIMAT-2017 meeting. In the past, it was customary to publish a short conference paper, to be followed by the extended, more in depth publication in a "regular" journal. In the age before searchable, on-line publication databases became widely available, this publication strategy made perfect sense: while the conference paper set the authors' priority and targeted the limited, but highly relevant audience of the conference attendees, it was hardly available beyond this group. The extended follow-up publication in "regular" journal was then aimed at disseminating the results to a wider readership. During the recent decade, the rapid development of searchable publication databases has led to all published material becoming instantaneously available. This resulted in stricter enforcement of copyright laws, and to the general understanding that copy-pasting of the relevant parts of the authors' own work (self-plagiarism) is inacceptable. Naturally, this drastically reduced the motivation of researchers to publish their work in conference proceedings. In this respect, we would like to extend our sincere thanks to those DIMAT attendees who did decide to publish their work in the DIMAT-2017 proceedings, and who invested their time and efforts in preparation of high-quality manuscripts. All of the manuscripts in this volume have undergone a strict peer-review process comparable to that of "regular" journals.

The success of the conference is determined first and foremost by participants themselves – by the quality of their presentations and by their willingness to interact and to contribute to the discussions. We would like to express our gratitude to all of the DIMAT attendees for their valuable contributions to the conference success. For the foreign DIMAT participants, attendance involved an oversea trip, with all the associated hassles of trip planning and financial expenses. We highly

appreciate the efforts of our foreign guests who made the effort to come to DIMAT. We would like to thank the members of the International Advisory Board for their help, and especially for their valuable suggestions of the names of invited speakers. Organizing an international conference entails dealing with a number of large and small problems and unexpected situations. It would have been impossible to handle all of this by ourselves, and we would express our gratitude to the team of the event organizer, Diesenhaus Ltd., and especially to Ms. T. Laxer, Ms. A. Reshef, and Ms. M. Mizrahi for their highly professional help. The team of the Dan Panorama Hotel headed by Ms. D. Steinmetz was accommodating to all of our requests. Finally, the wonderful team of students and post-docs of the Solid State Thermodynamics Laboratory at the Technion was always there to help with critical issues such as web and graphical design, logistics, technical support with audio-visual equipment, photography, and much more: Dr. A. Kosinova, Dr. A. Sharma, Ms. H. Barda, Mr. O. Kovalenko, Mr. N. Gazit, and Mr. E. Almog.

We learned with a great sadness that on May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2017, shortly after the DIMAT meeting, our colleague and friend Prof. Dr. Nicolaas A. Stolwijk from the Institute of Materials Physics, University of Münster, unexpectedly passed away. It was very difficult to fathom this news since during the DIMAT meeting, Nico was in a good mood, appeared to be in excellent physical shape, and presented excellent talks, as usual in his unforgettable, inspiring manner. Prof. Stolwijk is renowned in the diffusion community for his groundbreaking results on diffusion in ordered intermetallics, semiconductors, polymers and thin films. In parallel to his highly accurate experimental work, Prof. Stolwijk contributed to fundamental understanding of the correlation effects in diffusion by numerical simulations. He co-organized two DIMAT meetings, and during the last several years he worked intensively on diffusion in solid electrolytes and minerals, and on computer simulations of diffusion in ionic materials. He will be sorely missed in our community.

Organizing the conference always requires financial resources. We were happy to receive generous support from several organizations. This allowed us to keep the registration fee at a reasonable level, to provide free accommodation and registration for nine early career researchers, and to waive the registration fee for retired participants. The financial support of following bodies is heartily acknowledged:

-Ministry of Science, Technology and Space, State of Israel;

-Office of Naval Research Global (USA);

-Technion – Israel Institute of Technology;

-Department of Materials Science and Engineering, Technion;

-Department of Materials Engineering, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

During the meeting of the International Advisory Board it was decided that the upcoming 11<sup>th</sup> DIMAT conference will be organized in the year 2020 by the team of Prof. Zoltán Erdélyi from the University of Debrecen, Hungary. Thus, after 38 years the DIMAT will return to the place where everything began! The fact that the DIMAT conference series has survived for so long, and has traveled across so many different cities and countries, is a clear sign of the vitality of our community.

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## **CHAPTER 1:**

**Bulk Diffusion and Reactions**