

PREFACE: SPECIAL ISSUE OF ISHMT-ASTFE HEAT AND MASS TRANSFER CONFERENCE 2021

The Indian Society for Heat and Mass Transfer (ISHMT) has been organizing the biennial conference [Indian Heat and Mass Transfer Conference (IHMTTC)] since 1971. It brings together the experts, from academia and industry engaged in research in heat and mass transfer, for fruitful scientific and technical interaction.

The 26th National and 4th International ISHMT-ASTFE Heat and Mass Transfer Conference (IHMTTC 2021) was organized by the Indian Institute of Technology Madras in collaboration with the American Society of Thermal and Fluids Engineers (ASTFE). It was held virtually during December 17–20, 2021, commemorating the 50th year after the first conference held at the Indian Institute of Technology Madras. About 500 contributed papers were carefully screened, and only a selected few were taken up for further review and possible publication in the journal. Finally, four papers, focusing on various aspects of fundamental heat transfer and energy, were chosen after peer review for publication in this special issue of the *International Journal of Energy for a Clean Environment*.

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