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- *Heat Exchangers and the Environment*
by Prof. T Bott, The University of Birmingham, UK

- *Couette-Poiseuille Flow of Non-Newtonian Fluids in Concentric Annuli*
by Prof. Petr Filip, Institute of Hydrodynamics, Prague, Czech Republic.

- *Mathematical Modelling: the Interplay among Mathematics and Application Branches*
by Prof. Andris Buikis, University of Latvia, Latvia.

- *Energy Saving by Using Heat Pipes*
by Prof. Gheorghe Bacanu, University Transilvania of Brasov, Romania.

- *Characterization of Flows with Chemical Reactions in Energy Conversion Processes*
by Assc. Prof. T.-W. Lee, Arizona State University, AZ, USA.

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