

# JOURNAL OF ANALYTICAL AND APPLIED PYROLYSIS

## Scope

The international *Journal of Analytical and Applied Pyrolysis* is devoted to the publication of qualitative and quantitative results relating to:

- **Controlled pyrolysis** (thermal degradation, thermolysis) of chemical materials, including synthetic and natural macromolecules as well as lower molecular weight chemicals.
- Fundamental studies of **pyrolysis processes** by chemical, physical and physicochemical methods.
- Studies of pyrolysis **reaction kinetics**, energetics, and mechanisms.
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