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Editorial

Chemistry of Materials—A Solid Success

This issue represents the beginning of the seventh year of publication of *Chemistry of Materials*, and we continue to be pleased with both the quality of the papers received and the burgeoning interest of our readership. In concert with our commitment to maintaining quality and broad appeal, the frequency of short, timely reviews has increased and has been met with enthusiastic response. Suggestions for topics as well as authors are always welcome. One 1994 issue was devoted exclusively to the organic solid state and dedicated to the memory of Prof. Margaret (Peggy) Etter, as a former member of our Board of Editors and a respected colleague and friend. The response from authors was overwhelming, testifying to the affection for Peggy and the tremendous level of interest and activity in this area. We are considering another single-topic issue, perhaps focusing on nanostructured materials, and your thoughts on this would be appreciated.

Moreover, we continue to welcome input about *Chemistry of Materials* in terms of content, format, quality, and relevance to the materials chemistry community. Tell us about areas of special interest to you, and especially those which you feel have received inadequate coverage. For example, we would still like to see more papers dealing with the fundamental chemistry of materials processing. It is worth noting here that materials chemistry is more than publishing research papers; attention about this discipline is increasing rapidly in graduate, undergraduate, and even secondary school curricula. Materials chemistry is an ideal vehicle by which chemistry can be taught since students quickly warm to the obvious relevance of the subject. I can say this with some confidence by virtue of teaching a two-semester introductory chemistry course for engineering majors entitled (not coincidentally) *Chemistry of Materials*, which focuses on the basics of chemistry with most examples coming from the solid state. You will be interested to learn that ACS Books has recently published *Teaching General Chemistry: A Materials Science Companion* written by a group headed by Editorial Board member Arthur Ellis of the University of Wisconsin—Madison, affording an excellent introduction to materials chemistry with numerous demonstrations and experiments. Also, an ACS satellite course based on the “Companion” was delivered this past November. In short, the word about materials chemistry is getting to teachers and students, and that is a most worthy contribution to our discipline.

Again, we value your ideas about the Journal, and it would indeed be a pleasure to hear from you. Best wishes for 1995.

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