

## Editorial

Since the new editors assumed leadership in the autumn of 1988, the numbers and quality of papers submitted has continued to increase. Whereas this was quite desirable and predictable in view of the immense growth in applied polymer science and the attendant need of dissemination of information, it has led to a crisis of sorts. The time between acceptance of articles and publication was simply too long.

To address the need for more timely publication, the editors and publisher are offering an extra volume (No. 41) of the *Journal of Applied Polymer Science* in 1990. This additional volume will serve the needs of authors who have already submitted manuscripts and will now see them in print in 1990 or early in 1991. Henceforth, submitting authors can expect to see their accepted articles in print in less than one year after submission.

Our goal is to achieve expeditious editorial review, recommendations, and revision, and a subsequent efficient publication production process. While achieving this greater speed and efficiency, we, of course, will not forget our commitment to scientific quality.

Once again, we warmly encourage you to contribute your work for publication in our journal, in the full expectation of publication within a reasonable time frame.

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