



Editorial

The year 1998 is developing into a banner year for Electroceramics. The American Ceramic Society will be celebrating its 100th annual meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio. This May meeting will serve both as a retrospective on past important developments in the field and emerging new directions. As always, electroceramics receives major attention with expectations of upwards of 500 presentations.

Of particular note for our community is the confluence, for the first time, of three international conferences on electroceramics to be held in Montreux, Switzerland in August. These conferences, The International Symposium on Applications of Ferroelectrics, Electroceramics VI and The European Conference on Applications of Polar Dielectrics, are being coorganized under the able direction of Prof. Nava Setter of EPFL, Lausanne. They are expected to attract a wide cross section of participants with broad interests in the science and engineering of electroceramic materials and devices. The journal hopes to be able to provide our readers with a record of key developments at this meeting.

This year will also represent the first full year of publication of our journal. As the journal has become more visible, we have received increasing numbers of manuscripts reflecting the breadth of interests of our readers. Nevertheless, important areas of electroceramics remain underrepresented, namely, manuscripts focusing on the magnetic and optical properties of ceramics and on electroceramic processing. Fortunately, some of these topics will be covered in our next special issue on sensors due for publication in the coming quarter. I am confident that you will find the sensor issue of great interest and relevance. Assuming that the increase of manuscript submissions continues, we hope to be able to grow from four issues in 1998 to six issues in 1999. As always, I welcome your opinions and suggestions, which you can address to <hltuller@mit.edu>.

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