



# Editorial

The 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Electronic Ceramics and Their Applications—Electroceramics VII-2000 was recently held in Portoroz, Slovenia from September 3–6, 2000. Quoting from the Program Book, “the comprehensive program . . . cover(s) material composition, structures, devices, modeling, processing and analysis of a wide range of materials including ferroelectrics, dielectrics, microwave ceramics, ionic-, electronic- and super-conductors, ceramics with specifically designed grain boundaries like varistors and PTCR materials, magnetic materials, . . . all that we understand to be ‘electroceramics’.” The meeting, chaired by Dr. Marija Kosec, head of the ceramics program at the Jozef Stefan Institute in Ljubljana, was exceptionally well organized and held in a beautiful setting on the Adriatic coast close to Trieste. With 377 contributions from 32 countries, many important topics could be addressed with participants having many opportunities to learn about their colleagues’ activities in the field of Electroceramics.

The International Advisory Committee of the conference discussed the advisability of scheduling future meetings outside of Europe. There was agreement that the Electroceramics series of meetings had grown to the point where they would benefit from a broader exposure to the electroceramics communities in Asia and the Americas. I am particularly pleased to report that the “International Conference on Electroceramics” will be held in the Boston-Cambridge area in 2003 and that your Editor-in-Chief has been entrusted to chair this meeting. With your assistance, this meeting will break new ground in the already high quality and breadth of coverage of the field. We look forward to your suggestions and contributions as plans for the meeting develop.

The European-based series of “Electroceramics” meetings will continue to be held every other year in Europe and will alternate with The International Conference on Electroceramics. I am pleased to report that Professor Enrico Traversa of the University of Rome–Tor Vergata, a member of our editorial board, will chair Electroceramics VIII, scheduled to be held in Rome, August 26–28, 2002. The organizing committees of the two series of conferences will work to coordinate their activities and insure a continued high level of service to the scientific and engineering communities.

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