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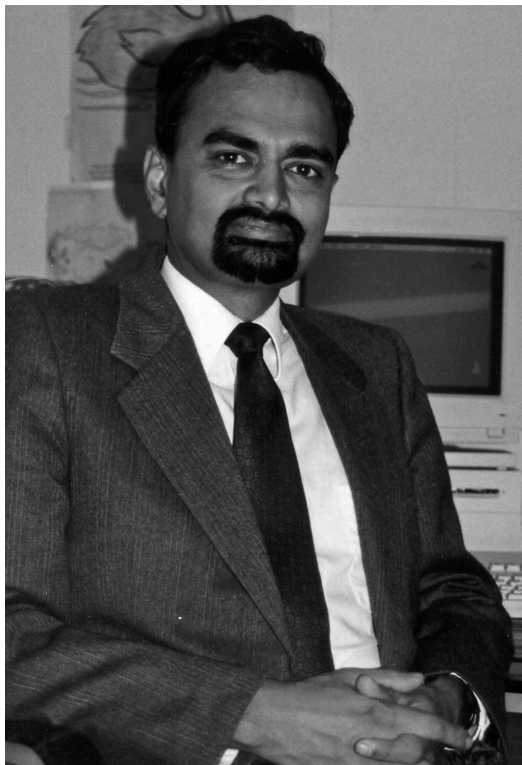
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EDITORIAL AND IN MEMORIAM



Professor Sukant Kishore Tripathy, Professor of Chemistry at the University of Massachusetts Lowell, died on December 12, 2000 in a swimming accident off the West Coast of the island of Hawaii. Although this year's symposium will take place nine years later, it is apparent that Sukant's influence is still felt in current research activities in the Center for Advanced Materials. His memory remains strong in the minds of all of us who knew him.

This special issue of the Journal is dedicated to Sukant Tripathy and is a continued attempt by his colleagues and friends to honor his memory. Sukant's energy and enthusiasm for science and his joy of living touched the lives of everyone who knew him. Speaking for all of us who were his friends as well as colleagues, I can say that we suffered a great loss with his untimely death, both personally and professionally. We continue to miss him, and will always remember him fondly for the remainder of our lives. His dream lives on in the effort put forth by the authors. Sukant, you are missed.

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