

Editorial

Shortly after I accepted the editorship of the *Journal of Materials Engineering and Performance* last summer, I encountered an additional unexpected and exciting challenge. A letter from the University of Helsinki, Espoo, Finland, brought an invitation to be a visiting professor in the Materials Engineering Laboratory there for one year.

It was exciting to think of spending a whole year exploring the land of my ancestors, visiting relatives I had not seen in years, and meeting those yet unknown to me. And, I realized, it was another great challenge—to conduct the *JMEP* editorial office 6,000 miles from the Publisher, ASM International in Ohio, USA. With the encouragement of the staff of ASM, who takes the difficulties of intercontinental communication in stride as part of operating a global society, I accepted the position and arrived in Espoo on June 17.

True to its international mission, ASM is enthusiastic and supportive of my adventure. Through the *Journal of Materials Engineering and Performance*, ASM will continue to extend its outreach into the European materials community by now becoming a direct part of this community. From my office in Espoo, I can easily contact and encourage authors in Europe to share their work by publishing in the *JMEP*. Travel to European industrial and academic research centers to gather papers on the latest materials technology now becomes not only feasible, but practical. I can actively seek out articles from European authors that will present new materials, applications, processes, and testing/evaluation procedures and equipment to *JMEP* readers, worldwide, in concurrence with the ASM strategy of establishing a “global information-sharing network...”

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If you have recently sent mail to my California, USA, office address, I have arranged to have it forwarded to Espoo. The extra transmittal, as it makes its way to me, may cause my initial response of receipt to be a little more tardy than usual. But I assure you, though my address may be different—amid crates and cartons—I am already conducting *JMEP* “business as usual,” and looking forward to hearing from you.



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