

The big Materials Week event in Cincinnati is over, and once again the materials community, including ASM and TMS, can look back at a "job well done." Next year Materials Week will be in Indianapolis and I think it is already time to start making plans to attend!

A glance at the first few pages of the official program told the story—plan ahead! There were numerous parallel sessions and many attendees really wanted to be at several technical sessions at the same time. Mind you, this is no complaint; it simply reflects the abundance of information available for the taking at one of these events. An editor's paradise.

But the technical sessions were only one aspect of my dilemma. There were also all those committee meetings, meetings that are so very vital to the operations of the two societies and to the editorial process, meetings with authors (past, present, and future), meetings with the Editorial Policy Board, and meetings with the ASM leaders.

As your editor, I received two messages out of all those meetings.

The first is based on the analysis/survey conducted by ASM. The data show that the membership of the society is 75% industry and 25% academic. The result of this analysis is that we at JMEP must continue to keep our focus on the materials processing/performance aspect of the materials world.

We must continue to ask, whenever we see a new manuscript:

Have the authors described how their materials were made (processed)?

Have the authors described some property or properties of the materials as made above?

This is the heart and core of the editorial job. Everything we ask of the authors must help answer these two questions.

Secondly, Materials Week is a true international meeting. Papers from 35 different countries were presented.

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| Algeria                 | India       | Russia         |
| Australia               | Italy       | Singapore      |
| Austria                 | Iran        | Spain          |
| Belgium                 | Japan       | Sweden         |
| Brazil                  | Korea       | Switzerland    |
| Canada                  | Luxembourg  | Turkey         |
| China-People's Republic | Mexico      | Ukraine        |
| China-Republic          | Morocco     | United Kingdom |
| Finland                 | Netherlands | United States  |
| France                  | Poland      | Venezuela      |
| Germany                 | Portugal    | Yugoslavia     |
| Hong Kong               | Romania     |                |

This is quite an array of nations and truly reflects the international scope of the joint ASM-TMS meeting.

Lastly, Dr. Michael DeHaemer was formally introduced as the new Managing Director of ASM, the fourth Director in the 83-year history of the Society. He comes to ASM with a strong background in information retrieval/analysis from the World Technology Evaluation Center at Loyola College in Maryland. We look forward to working with him in the future.



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