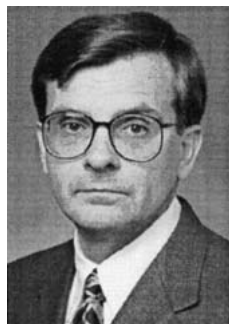

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Changes in the *Journal of Materials Engineering and Performance* Editorial Team

Last spring, John Ogren, editor of the *Journal of Materials Engineering and Performance* and its predecessor journals for 25 years, notified me that he would step down as editor at the end of the year. John has had a tremendous influence on the development of the journal, and much of its success is due to his work and diligence. I want to take this opportunity to thank John for his service for so many years.

As with all change, there is some bad news and some good news. With the substantial help of Jay Singh, chair of the JMEP Committee, and other members of the committee, we undertook a search for qualified candidates to replace John Ogren. We are pleased to announce that Dr. Jeffrey A. Hawk has been appointed the new editor of JMEP. Jeff has been active on the JMEP Committee and the ASM Handbook Committee, and has been involved in programming and other activities for ASM. Professionally, he is a valued and respected materials engineer at the U.S. Department of Energy, Albany Research Center. Jeff has expressed a number of ideas for further development of the journal, which he discusses below.

In addition, we have appointed as associate editor Dr. J. Ernesto Indacochea, professor in the Department of Civil and Materials Engineering at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Ernesto has been a long-time contributor to JMEP as well as having been involved in technical programming. He is also a member of ASM's Chapter Council.

Continuing as associate editors are Dr. James C. Malas, branch chief, AFRL Materials and Manufacturing Directorate, who handles shaping and forming manuscripts, and Mr. Harry W. Walton, Metallurgical Consulting, who focuses on heat treating. Jim and Harry both became associate editors in the fall of 2002.

We welcome this new editorial team, and I feel certain that you will be pleased with the continuing development of JMEP.

William W. Scott, Jr.
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Editor's Comments

It is a great honor and privilege to be named editor of the *Journal of Materials Engineering and Performance*. I look forward to the coming years with trepidation and great anticipation. The trepidation comes, of course, from following in the footsteps of John Ogren. John is essentially the "founding father" of the

journal and has shaped the technical content of JMEP over the years to its current form. In addition, for many authors John is the only editor they have ever known. Thank you, John, for the great work you have done over the years to get the journal to the point it is today. The anticipation arises from the changes that are going to occur to JMEP both structurally and procedurally in the coming years. From a procedural standpoint, the journal is going to transition to web-based submission and review. Doing so should greatly facilitate manuscript submission, review, and tracking. It is hoped that once the process is fully implemented, authors will know where their manuscripts are in the system at any given moment. Structurally, we are looking to tighten the quality of the published manuscripts through better peer review and editing. In addition, we are looking for ways to increase the value and relevancy of the journal to our readership. One approach is through selected invited review articles on cutting-edge science, engineering, and technology. The coming years will be very exciting as we, the associate editors and I, implement these changes to improve technical content and the delivery of the journal to our readers. Thank you all.

Jeffrey A. Hawk
Editor