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# EDITORIAL

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**Rajiv Asthana**



**Jeff Hawk**

## **Journal of Materials Engineering and Performance announces editorial transition, increase in frequency**

After eight years of serving as editor-in-chief of the ASM *Journal of Materials Engineering and Performance* (JMEP), Dr. Jeffrey A. Hawk, FASM, has transferred his responsibilities to Prof. Rajiv Asthana, FASM, owing to the fact that he was elected to the ASM Board of Trustees in 2011. Due to the large time commitment and responsibilities associated with his new position as Trustee, he decided to step down as JMEP editor. He will continue to offer the journal the benefit of his experience by remaining involved as a member of the JMEP Committee. Dr. Hawk led the journal through an extraordinary period of growth, in which the journal increased from a bimonthly publication to nine issues a year in 2009, and beginning with this issue, JMEP will now be a monthly publication.

On behalf of JMEP's editorial committee, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Hawk for steering the journal with his insight, hard work, and the great degree of professionalism he has shown during the last eight years, and for ensuring its future success by identifying a qualified and enthusiastic successor.

Professor Asthana has been an associate editor for JMEP since 2005, and we are delighted that he has accepted the appointment as editor-in-chief. He is a valued and respected member of the faculty of the Department of Engineering and Technology, University of Wisconsin-Stout. His research interests include joining science and technology for ceramics and ceramic-matrix composites, high temperature capillarity, metal-matrix composites, and materials processing. He obtained his B.S. degree in metallurgical engineering in 1980 and his M.S. degree in materials science in 1983 from the Indian Institute of Technology, and his Ph.D. in materials engineering in 1991 from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Professor Asthana will be ably assisted by our current associate editors of JMEP, Prof. Narendra B. Dahotre, FASM, University of North Texas, and Prof. Omar S. Es-Said, FASM, Loyola Marymount University. Professors Dahotre and Es-Said have contributed immensely to the editorial process since their association with the journal as its associate editors.

As we welcome Prof. Asthana as our new editor, I wish to inform you that the committee is looking into various ways of improving several items related to the journal, which I believe will benefit the journal, the authors, and the readers.

**Dr. Sai Raj, FASM**  
Chair, Journal of Materials Engineering and Performance Committee