



After 21 productive years at ASM, Dr. William W. Scott, Jr., FASM, will retire at the end of 2004. Dr. Scott, Bill to ASM members and many others, has during his tenure had a variety of responsibilities involving such things as conferences, expositions, journals, and the Data Program for Alloy Phase Diagrams. Through the years his responsibilities expanded to include all ASM publications: *Advanced Materials & Processes* magazine, *Heat Treating Progress* magazine, the *ASM Handbook Series*, alloy phase diagram publications, ASM technical journals, reference books, and online collections. In Scott's view, "Journals and phase diagram publications continue to be some of the most important publication venues of ASM."

As editor of the *Journal of Phase Equilibria and Diffusion*, I have had occasion for extensive interaction with Bill, and it has been a most pleasant experience. He has innovative ideas and a practical and pragmatic approach to what can be accomplished and what cannot. In committee meetings his comments are always relevant to the topic under discussion and germane to reaching a meaningful and useful solution to the problem at hand. His views, however, are not rigid and he willingly accepts logical viewpoints. Importantly, he has a fine sense of humor. It has been a pleasure to work with him.

During his time at ASM, Bill has had oversight of the initiation of the *Journal of Thermal Spray Technology*, the *Journal of Failure Analysis and Prevention*, and the *Electronic Device Failure Analysis* magazine, as well as the redirection of the *Bulletin of Alloy Phase Diagrams* first to the *Journal of Phase Equilibria* and quite recently to the *Journal of Phase Equilibria and Diffusion*. Bill has certainly contributed to the internationalization of ASM through interaction with committees of the Institute of Minerals, Metals, and Materials of the U.K. and his contribution to the formation of the Alloy Phase Diagram International Commission (APDIC). The latter commission is the juncture for interaction among 15 national committees with the goals of APDIC being to establish international standards, to coordinate evaluation activity for phase diagrams, and to disseminate information about work in process around the world and thereby minimize duplication of effort. Bill has been an active member of APDIC since its inception.



**Dr. William W. Scott, Jr.**

Bill can be justly proud of his contributions to ASM and to the worldwide materials community. It was with mixed emotions that I learned of his plan to retire. Certainly his voice in many ASM activities will be missed, and there is little question but that he will leave behind many successes that can be seen as the fruition of his efforts. However, I understand the attraction of a reduced pace of activity. There is no question that I speak for many when I say to Bill, we wish you well and may you look forward to many healthy and relaxing years of retirement.

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