

Editorial

New Associate Editors Strengthen the Editorial Team

I am pleased to announce that Prof. Armelle M. Vardelle and Dr. Seiji Kuroda have accepted my invitation to become Associate Editors of our Journal. These internationally renowned scientists have contributed to the science and technology of thermal spray by their numerous publications in their respective fields of expertise and by their participation in national and international scientific organizations in materials and plasma science.

Armelle M. Vardelle is a professor at the National Engineering School of Limoges, ENSIL, France, where she is in charge of the research policy for the four departments, and cochairman of the Department of Materials and Surface Treatments. She works also at CITRA, the Engineering Center in Surface Finishing and Coatings. This Center brings together companies and the University of Limoges for technology transfer in thermal spraying, chemical vapor deposition, electroplating, and electroless processes. Her main research interests are in transport phenomena at high temperature, modeling of thermal spray processes, and environmental issues related to surface finishing processes.

Seiji Kuroda is currently the Director of the Thermal Spray Group at the National Institute for Materials Science (NIMS), Tsukuba, Japan. This group develops coatings required by national projects and also pursues basic studies of thermal spray processes. Dr. Kuroda is also a guest professor at the Tokyo University of Science and the Chiba Institute of Technology. His main fields of interest are monitoring of in-flight thermal sprayed particles, residual stresses in sprayed coatings, dense high-velocity oxyfuel coatings for corrosion and wear resistance, long-term corrosion protection by sprayed zinc-aluminum coatings, and thermal barrier coatings.

The appointment of Prof. Vardelle and Dr. Kuroda will strengthen considerably our Editorial Team. Their main responsibilities will concern the peer-review process of papers submitted by European and Asian authors and papers in their respective fields of expertise. They will join Dr. Jan Ilavsky and Prof. Lech Palowski, who as Associate Editors are responsible for the preparation of the front and back matter of each *Journal* issue and news from Europe, respectively.

I would like to thank Prof. Vardelle and Dr. Kuroda for joining the Editorial Team, and I am convinced that they will contribute to the continuous improvement of the quality and international recognition of the *Journal*.

New Page Charge Policy

A few years ago, a page charge was implemented because of the financial situation of the *Journal*. It was necessary to generate extra revenue to balance the budget and ensure the long-term health of the *Journal*. This decision was made despite its potential negative impact on the number of submitted papers. This policy was successful in contributing to a balanced budget for the *Journal* over the last two years.

After a decision of the JTST Editorial Committee, and then approval by the Thermal Spray Society Board, a new page charge policy was instituted in January 2005. It was decided that the first six pages will be published without any mandatory fee, and additional pages will be charged at \$90 (U.S.) per page. This new publication fee structure aims at facilitating the submission of manuscripts by reducing the mandatory publication charge, especially for short papers. Authors are encouraged to submit high-quality concise papers, thereby making it possible to publish a larger number of papers in each issue and reduce the time to publishing after the final acceptance of the manuscripts.

The financial situation of the *Journal* is healthy, but the margin of maneuverability is quite small. Different strategies are envisaged for compensating for the lower page charge revenues: more advertisements in the *Journal*, joint publication of the International Thermal Spray Conference Proceedings, and reduced publication expenses. We are convinced that eliminating the page charge will improve the attractiveness of the *Journal* for all authors and believe strongly that the future of JTST is very healthy.



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