

## Editorial

The national ceramic societies in Europe have an essential rôle in the working life of the European Ceramic Society. Thus the organisation of the international body is steered by a group on which each of the national societies is represented. In a similar way, the development of the Journal is planned by an Editorial Board on which each of the national societies has its representative. A further indication is given by the fact that membership of the European Ceramic Society is only to be attained by joining one of the national societies. (For the benefit of would-be-members a listing of the national societies together with contact addresses is given below).

In view of the importance of the national societies, it is intended in coming issues of this Journal to allow each organisation the opportunity of introducing itself by giving a brief account of its history, its organisation, and its current objectives. It is hoped that such a series can help further to integrate the ceramics community by providing a full picture of the organisations that have worked together to build the European Ceramic Society.

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