

## Editorial

The conference calendar is now sufficiently crowded that planning for major meetings must be made with a degree of care and attention which at times seems not too different from that required for events such as the Olympic Games. In this connection it is good to see that plans for the second conference of the European Ceramic Society are now well advanced and that the meeting will take place from 11–14 September 1991 in Augsburg in the Federal Republic of Germany. As for the first conference, the scope of the second meeting will be broad, with attention being given to basic science, to the different applications sectors of engineering ceramics, electronic ceramics, and traditional ceramics, and to a number of special topics including lifetime prediction, quality assurance, and ceramic matrix composites.

An important issue is the appearance of published versions of the papers given at the meeting. In this connection, it has been decided for the coming meeting that extended abstracts of papers will be published for the beginning of the conference but that full versions of the papers will, where the authors so wish and where the appropriate reviewing procedures have been completed, appear in the *Journal of the European Ceramic Society*. This approach has the advantage that it avoids any tendency to double publication of particular pieces of work and at the same time ensures that results presented at the meeting can appear in an archival journal.

May we wish the German Ceramic Society every success in its organisation of this second conference of the European Ceramic Society and look forward to a stimulating, productive and enjoyable event.