Editorial

With the beginning of 1991 and Volume 7, the *Journal of the European Ceramic Society* will start its first full year of monthly publication. As before, the objective is to ensure the prompt appearance of significant work which covers all aspects of ceramics science and engineering, and which can reflect fully the interests of the international research community.

In addition to the publication of regular papers and 'state of the art' reviews, the Journal is, in the coming year, planning to devote occasional issues to the proceedings of specifically focused workshop meetings. It will in this way seek to represent especially timely themes and to ensure that they are brought promptly into the reviewed literature.

The 2nd Conference of the European Ceramic Society will be held in Augsburg, FRG on 11–14 September 1991 under the guidance of the German Ceramic Society (DKG). Although extended abstracts of the presentations to be given at the Conference will be published in a Proceedings volume to ensure that those attending have a prompt and convenient record of the meeting, authors preparing full versions of their work are being invited to contribute to the Journal. The Society believes that in this way an active and constructive link can be established between its regular Conferences and its Journal.

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