

Editorial

An important stage in the development of the European Ceramic Society was reached at the time of its second Conference held in Augsburg, Germany, in September 1991. Members will know that the responsibility for the organisation of Society events passes between the different national ceramic societies in Europe. Colleagues in the Netherlands Ceramic Society nurtured the European Ceramic Society through the first two years of its existence, terminating in the first Conference held in Maastricht in June 1989. The German Ceramic Society (DKG) then held this responsibility for the important period of the European Society's consolidation leading to the second Conference held in Augsburg. The role of organising the affairs of the European Society now passes to the Spanish Ceramic and Glass Society for the two-year period 1991–1993.

In recording these developments, may we first acknowledge the thanks of all members of the European Ceramic Society to German colleagues who have so ably guided the growth of the Society in the last two years. Building on the achievement of Netherlands colleagues during the founding years of the Society, the DKG has overseen the period in which the European Ceramic Society has become a recognised and accepted part of the international ceramics community. The work of Professor Hausner and colleagues will have earned the gratitude of all members of the Society.

The next two years will see a critical stage in the further growth of the Society not least in view of the substantial changes which are expected in the wider European context. Members can be assured that the Spanish Ceramic and Glass Society will bring every endeavour to ensuring the health and prosperity of the European Society throughout the timespan up to its third Conference to be held in Madrid, September 13–17, 1993. May we encourage colleagues throughout Europe to share with the Spanish Ceramic and Glass Society in making these two years a memorable period in our Society's development.

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