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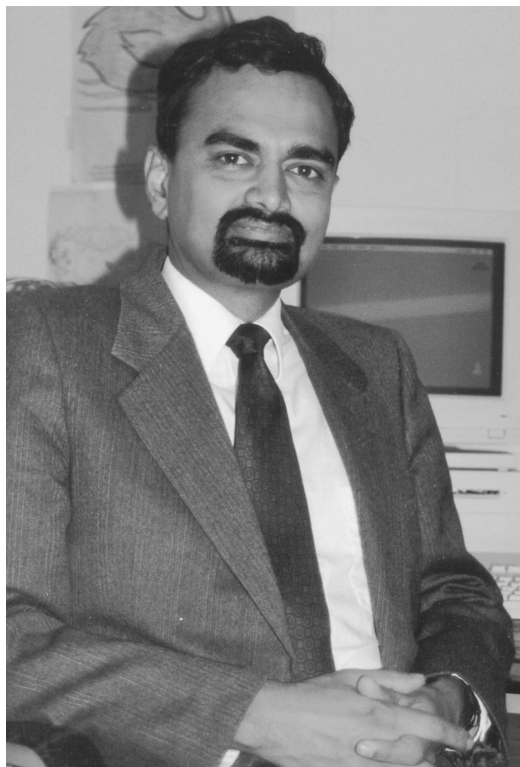
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EDITORIAL AND IN MEMORIAM



For all those who may not know, Professor Sukant Kishore Tripathy, Professor of Chemistry at the University of Massachusetts Lowell, died on 12 December 2000 in a swimming accident off the West Coast of the island of Hawaii. Although this year's symposium will take place eight years later, it is apparent that Sukant's influence is still felt in current research activities in the Center for Advanced Materials. His memory remains strong in the minds of all of us who knew him.

This special issue of the Journal is dedicated to Sukant Tripathy and is a continued attempt by his colleagues and friends to honor his memory. Sukant's energy and enthusiasm for science and his joy of living touched the lives of everyone who knew him. Speaking for all of us who were his friends as well as colleagues, I can say that we suffered a great loss with his untimely death, both personally and professionally. We continue to miss him, and will always remember him fondly for the remainder of our lives. His dream lives on in the effort put forth by the authors. Sukant, you are missed.

Russell A. Gaudiana
Executive Editor

SPECIAL NOTE BY LYN ROBERTS, MANAGING EDITOR

A very special “thank-you” is due to Michele Vercillin who has been on board since the beginning. She has always been cooperative and willing in any way to make my job easier and ensure that this issue continues to be a success. I, personally, want to thank Professor James C. Whitten for collecting, pre-editing this special anniversary issue dedicated to Professor Sukant Tripathy. His Foreword says it all. Without the diligence and perseverance of these two people, this issue would not be possible. These papers were presented to our office in a manner that truly made my editing and formatting job a pleasure. The issue has become a yearly tribute to Professor Tripathy who continues to be missed by all and the fact that we are on our 8th symposium and special issue certainly proves he has not, and will not be forgotten.

I would also like to thank all the contributing authors for their cooperation in assisting Professor Whitten and Michele in their efforts. We thank you for your patience in working with us and “coming through” for us at a time when deadlines have become crucial in the publishing world. We could not have done it without you.

This issue is an ongoing tribute to Professor Tripathy presented by those who knew, honored, respected, and miss him.

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The articles in this special issue are the result of an annual memorial symposium commemorating Professor Tripathy's 7th death anniversary that was attended by researchers, friends, and colleagues from universities and industries, as well as former and present students and associates of the Center for Advanced Materials.

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