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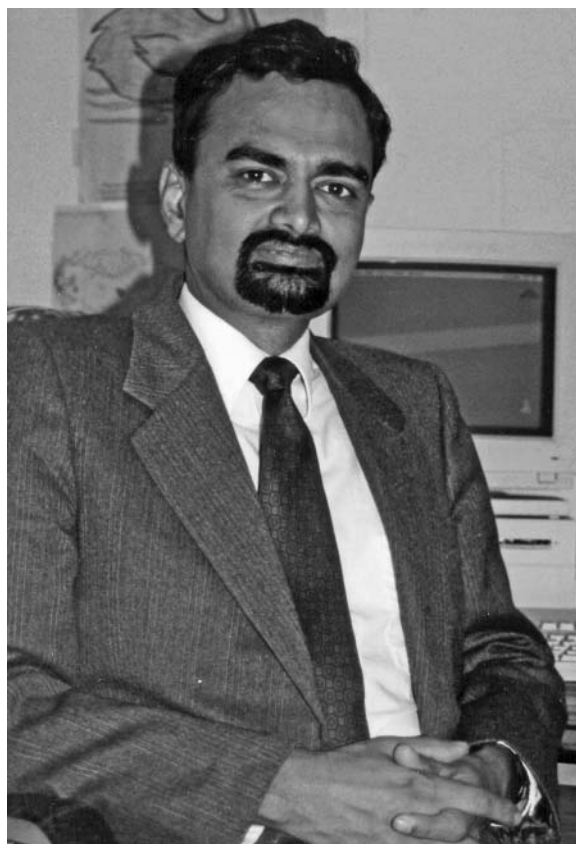
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## In Memoriam



### Editorial

It is difficult to believe that Sukant Tripathy is gone 10 years. This special issue of the Journal is dedicated to Sukant and continues to be a tribute by his colleagues and friends in honor of his memory. Year after year I am touched by the intense sense of loss still felt by those who worked with him, worked for him and by his friends and colleagues. 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 sorely 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 continue to be missed by us all.

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 tragic swimming accident off the West Coast of the island of Hawaii. Although this year's symposium will take place ten 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.

Russell A. Gaudiana  
Executive Editor

## Special Note

For 10 years I have had the privilege of working on and preparing this special issue in honor of Professor Sukant Tripathy. Every year I am amazed at the continuing dedication and willingness by the participants who make sure his symposium is well attended. Year after year, Michele Vercillin works diligently to send me an issue that is truly a tribute to Professor Tripathy. The manuscript authors

cooperation I receive with every manuscript. I want to take this opportunity to thank Michele, the Guest Editor, Professor Ramaswamy Nagarajan, and all the authors who participate. The papers are presented to me in a manner that makes my job easy and this issue a continued success.

Lyn Roberts  
Managing Editor