

ANNOUNCEMENT

ATTENTION Readers: Journal of Materials Science Letters is now published as part of Journal of Materials Science.

As a response to the clear wish of the scientific community for better defined subject-based sections in the Journal of Materials Science, starting with Volume 23 for 2004 Springer has incorporated *Journal of Materials Science Letters* (JMSL) into the core journal, *Journal of Materials Science* (JMS), with other newly-formed sections to follow. The permanent Letters section appears at the back of the core journal, instead of being published in separately bound volumes. There are no other changes as to how the Letters are managed editorially, organizationally, scientifically or otherwise.

This change is an important part of Springer's ongoing efforts to respond to the current requirements of the scientific community by continuously improving the quality, usefulness and organizational effectiveness of our journal publications. You will be hearing about other changes planned for 2005 in future issues.