

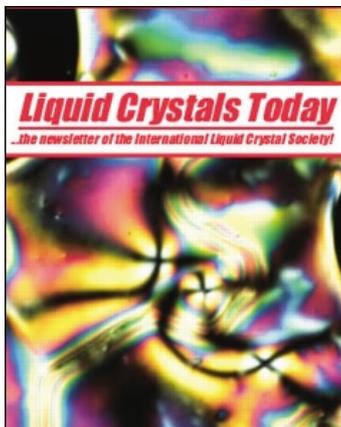
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Society NEWS

The New Editorial Team

It is with great pleasure that I am writing to introduce myself and Oleg Lavrentovich to you as the new Editorial Team for *Liquid Crystals Today*. We will of course be helped as always by the very supportive Editorial Board. It is an exciting time to be involved in the Society's newsletter. The area of liquid crystals continues to produce more and more fascinating science in areas spanning mathematics, physics, chemistry, biology and engineering. New and imaginative applications are broadening technological possibilities. The breadth encompassed by liquid crystals is one of the strengths of the subject – there are few research areas that encourage communication across such a wide variety of disciplines.

It isn't just the subject area that makes taking on the job of Editor exciting. This issue is the last one which will be in hard copy format only. As we progress into the new millennium, *Liquid Crystals Today* will be published only in electronic format and we would encourage all members of the Society to consider the new opportunities they will have for communicating their work through this medium. There is no longer a restriction on colour, movies and simulations can be published and hopefully, as we all become more used to using this new medium, material can be included in the newsletter more rapidly. This will improve



the opportunity for advertising situations vacant or rapidly convened meetings. Of course, not all of the members of the International Liquid Crystal Society have ready access to electronically published material, so it is important that hard copies of the newsletter will continue to be distributed by the ILCS under a special arrangement with Taylor & Francis.

One of the sad things about these changes is that we are losing the services of Professor David Dunmur as Editor of our newsletter. David has been the Editor of *Liquid Crystals Today* since it was first published and was instrumental in the transition to publishing by Taylor & Francis in the current format, as well as seeing us up to the transition to electronic format. We all owe David a vote of thanks for helping to keep us informed and coherent as a Society. On a personal note, I'm VERY pleased that David will still be around to offer me advice as I take on the role of Editor!

Helen Gleeson

The International Liquid Crystal Society

Y2K Multimedia Prize

The International Liquid Crystal Society Y2K Multimedia Prize is to promote and diffuse knowledge of liquid crystal science and technologies using modern multimedia technologies and the internet. The award is for an outstanding multimedia scientific presentation on liquid crystals or related subjects by a graduate or undergraduate student. The Y2K Multimedia Prize includes a \$500 (US) cash award and a certificate.

The Awards and Honours Committee will adjudicate nominations of web-sites maintained by graduate and undergraduate students and/or their on-line publications. The Prize will be presented at the 18th International Liquid Crystal Conference, ILCC 2000, in Sendai, Japan, 24–28 July 2000.

Nominations will be by electronic mail. They must include the name and e-mail address of the nominator, the name and e-mail address of the nominee, and the URL tag of the web-site where the presentation is located. Nominations should also include a brief justifying statement of the important/novel features of the presentation.

Send nominations by 1 June 2000 to:

**Dr Pat Cladis, Chair of the Honors and Awards Committee,
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