

Editorial

This first issue of the new year provides a good opportunity to make our readers and authors aware of some recent editorial developments at *Polymer*.

After serving for many years as US Associate Editor, *Polymer Communications*, Dr Leslie E. Smith has had to relinquish his position as Editor due to obligations of work. Dr Smith will continue as a member of the Editorial Board. Professor Ron K. Eby has kindly agreed to take over the responsibilities for the North American *Polymer Communications* papers in addition to his duties as US Editor of *Polymer*. Papers from North America for this section should now be sent to Professor Eby.

In the UK, Professor Roger Epton, who has served as UK Associate Editor, *Polymer Communications*, for nearly 14 years is stepping down. *Polymer Communications* papers from outside North America and Japan should now be sent to *Polymer Communications*, Butterworth-Heinemann, Linacre House, Jordan Hill, Oxford OX2 8DP, UK. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to both Leslie and Roger for their invaluable work for *Polymer Communications* during their many years of editorship.

Our thanks are also due to Dr D. W. McCall who retired last year after actively serving for many years as a member of the Editorial Board in the USA. A number of new members joined the Editorial Board of *Polymer* at the end of last year. We would like to extend a very warm welcome to: Professor R. H. Boyd, Professor B. L. Farmer, Dr B. A. Lotz, Dr S. Matsuoka, Dr R. W. Richards and Professor U. W. Suter. We are convinced that they will add their great expertise to maintaining the high scientific standard of our Journal as the field develops.

Finally, we are pleased to point out to our authors and readers that publication times have been reduced considerably over the last 12 months and will be reduced even further during the current year. We would like to thank all authors, editors and referees for their relentless work in keeping *Polymer* one of the top two primary research journals in the field. May we wish everybody a very fine 1993.

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Group Editor