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A WORD FROM THE EDITOR

It is our opinion that the gaining of an understanding of the phenomenon of adhesion will require an approach which is interdisciplinary. It will require a synthesis of understanding from several specialities in the major fields of (at least) chemistry, physics and mathematics. The structure of the phenomenon which has already been built up is far too broad and diffuse for adhesion to be considered as falling solely within the province of some one or two sub-fields of science. Adhesion is, furthermore, a phenomenon with definite, distinct technological overtones.

Its history of use, dating back thousands of years, has placed the subject of adhesion in a category—advanced art, backward science—from which it has only relatively recently begun to break away.

There does not now exist in the world a particular English-language journal where workers in adhesion science can publish. Papers in adhesion science, therefore, are scattered through the existing literature—sometimes in materials-oriented and sometimes in phenomena-oriented journals. This in itself would not be sufficient justification for the creation of another specialized journal. However, the facts are that the phenomenon of adhesion is of some considerable scientific, technological, economic and social significance to this world of ours, and that adhesion art, which suffered a rekindling of interest some thirty years ago, is developing and maturing into rapidly changing, respectable and exciting adhesion science. Such a developing branch of science needs its own chronicle.

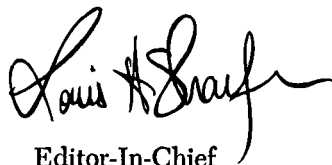
We envision The Journal of Adhesion as a serious, international, scientific quarterly where properly reviewed papers relevant to adhesion science may be published. Papers will be considered relevant if they “further the understanding or description of the response of a composite (not necessarily a composite material) to a mechanical influence.”

The technical aspects of the Journal are the responsibility of the Editor and an Editorial Board of Associate Editors on counsel of an Advisory Board. There are, at present, two Associate Editors in the U.S.A. and one in the United Kingdom.

We are attempting to work out an arrangement whereby appropriate papers recently published or recently accepted for publication in certain foreign journals not printed in English, would be reprinted in the Journal in English. In return, appropriate papers from the Journal would be reprinted in the foreign language journal. The goal would be concurrent or close to concurrent publication in the U.S.A. and the foreign country. Certainly, the major advantage of such an arrangement would be a much expanded, quickened interaction for all who have an interest in adhesion.

We think you would agree that the Associate Editors and the Advisory Board constitute a group whose technical competence to chart and maintain a proper course for the Journal is unquestioned. They are all eminent, active scientists who were enthusiastic in their response to our desire to create and maintain a top-notch scientific journal and in their willingness to do what they could to see that we reached that goal.

What we wish to offer the technical community is a Journal of high technical competence where the author is assured of fair, competent review and rapid publication of his manuscript and the reader of the most up-to-date, authoritative information in the field of adhesion. We eagerly seek your help in achieving this goal.



Louis H. Straus

Editor-In-Chief