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A Word from the Editor

In this issue we publish Part 1 of the Boerio Collection, a collection of papers honoring Professor F. James Boerio who was the 1999 recipient of The Adhesion Society Award for Excellence in Adhesion Science, Sponsored by 3M. The citation accompanying the Award reads:

“For the expansion of our knowledge of bonding at interfaces through the use of infrared spectroscopy and related techniques”

We are particularly proud of the fact that Professor Boerio, who is one of our Associate Editors, received the Award. He becomes the fourth Associate Editor of this Journal to be so honored. He joins a group which also counts as Awardees three members of our Advisory Board and your Editor. Thus, a remarkable total of eight persons (two of whom are now deceased) associated with *The Journal of Adhesion* over the years have received this Award!

We reprint below the brief biography of Professor Boerio which appeared in the Proceedings of the Twenty-Second Annual Meeting of The Adhesion Society, Inc., held in Panama City Beach, Florida, February 21–24, 1999, the Meeting during which he received the Award.

F. James Boerio received a B.S. degree in Physics from Case Institute of Technology in 1966. He then joined Professor Jack Koenig's research group in the Department of Macromolecular science at Case Western Reserve University and received his M.S. And Ph.D. degrees in 1968 and 1971, respectively. During this time he became familiar with the use of infrared and Raman Spectroscopy for determining the structure of polymers and, in collaboration with Professor Koenig, published several important papers.

Dr. Boerio was appointed Assistant Professor of Materials Science in 1970 and promoted to Professor of Materials Science in 1977. In 1995 he was named Herman Schneider Professor of Materials Science. Since joining the University of Cincinnati he has maintained his interest in infrared and Raman spectroscopy and has applied these techniques to many problems related to adhesion science. Dr. Boerio's interests have also grown to include X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy, ellipsometry, silane coupling agents and plasma processing. His most recent research has involved polymer/polymer adhesion and the use of plasma-polymerized films as primers for rubber-to-metal bonding and for structural adhesives bonding. Dr. Boerio has published

approximately 175 papers describing his research results, including pioneering papers describing surface-enhanced Raman scattering and plasma-polymerized primers for rubber-to-metal bonding.

“Dr. Boerio was President of the Adhesion Society from 1992 – 1994 and was a member of the Executive Committee from 1984 until 1990. He was program chairman for the Fifteenth Annual Meeting of the Adhesion Society in 1992 and the Sixteenth Annual Meeting in 1993. He currently serves as an Associate Editor of *The Journal of Adhesion*. Dr. Boerio was recognized as an outstanding teacher by the Engineering Tribunal at the University of Cincinnati in 1983 and received the College of Engineering Research Award in 1989. He was named to serve a five-year term on the Scientific Advisory Board of Loctite Corporation in 1994 and was elected a Robert L. Patrick Fellow of The Adhesion Society in 1997.”



Editor in Chief