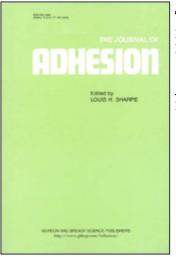
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A Word from the Editor

On February 19th, 1996, at the Nineteenth Annual Meeting of The Adhesion Society, Inc., in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, USA, Professor Robert J. Good received the Society's Award for Excellence in Adhesion Science, Sponsored by 3M,

"for pioneering in the theory of intermolecular forces across interfaces"

At that meeting, he was presented with an engraved plaque, an honorarium and an honoring session at the Annual Meeting. It has been a tradition, and part of the Award, that **THE JOURNAL OF ADHESION**, as an additional honor, assembles in a special issue a Collection of papers from colleagues, former students and friends of the Awardee. This issue, honoring Professor Good, follows this tradition.

Professor Good's professional career spans a remarkable almost

five and one-half decades, beginning with his employment as a chemist with Dow Chemical Company, in Pittsburg, California, up to his current status as Professor Emeritus in the Chemical Engineering Department of the State University of New York at Buffalo (SUNY/Buffalo). During that career, he has published over 135 papers in refereed journals, edited two books on experimental methods in colloids and surfaces and created another book, "Materials Science Experiments and Notes on Selected Topics on Materials Science and Corrosion", for



Robert J. Good

internal use in SUNY/Buffalo. He has a B.S. degree from Amherst College, a M.S. from the University of California, Berkeley and a Ph.D. from the University of Michigan – all in Chemistry.

As mentioned above, his career began with Dow Chemical in Pittsburg, California (1943–44). It then continued with American Cyanamid and Chemical Company, Azusa, California (1944–46) and Monsanto Chemical Company, Anniston, Alabama (1949–53). He then entered the academic world as an Associate Professor in the Department of Applied Science at the University of Cincinnati (1953–57). He returned to industry and, after a number of years as Senior Scientist at the Space Science Laboratory of General Dynamics Corporation in San Diego, California, in 1964 he joined the Department of Chemical Engineering at SUNY/Buffalo as a full Professor, finally becoming Professor Emeritus in 1991. He has supervised 18 Ph.D. and 24 M.S. students as well as 6 postdoctoral fellows and 12 research assistants and has collaborated and co-authored with 35 senior-level chemists, physicists and engineers.

Professor Good has been Visiting Professor or Visiting Scientist at a number of institutions:

Department of Chemistry, University of Bristol, Bristol, UK, Fall 1970 Department of Chemistry, The City University, London, UK, Spring 1971

Institute for Arthritis, Metabolism and Digestive Diseases, National Institutes of Health, Washington, DC, Fall 1979

Department of Chemical Engineering, Imperial College, London, UK, Spring 1980

Lexington Laboratory, The Kendall Company, Spring 1986

He was Chair of the Gordon Research Conference on Chemistry at Interfaces in 1975 and has been a Member of the Surface Science Center and Center for Biosurfaces, as well as a Member of the Steering Committee for the Surface Science Center at SUNY/Buffalo from 1985 to the present. He has always been very involved in professional society activities, having been Chair of the California section of the American Chemical Society; Chair of the Educational Committee, Western New York Section, National Association of Corrosion Engineers; National Alternate Councilor, American Chemical Society, representing the Colloid and Surface Chemistry Division and National Councilor, American Chemical Society, representing the Western New York Section. He was also a Member of the National Colloid Symposium Committee of the American Chemical Society, Chair of the 41st Colloid Symposium and General Chair for the 51st Meeting.

Professor Good is a member of the American Chemical Society, The Chemical Society (Faraday Division), The Adhesion Society, the National Association of Corrosion Engineers (NACE), Sigma Xi and Phi Beta Kappa.

He has received two other major awards in addition to the present one:

The American Chemical Society Award in Colloid or Surface Chemistry, sponsored by the Kendall Company ("The Kendall Award") in 1976:

"For his pioneering investigations of atomic and molecular interactions across interfaces, and the application of the resulting, new concepts to scientific, technological and biological problems"

The Jacob R. Schoellkopf Medal of the Western New York Section of the American Chemical Society:

"For his pioneering research in surface thermodynamics, the theoretical chemistry of adhesion phenomena, the factors controlling the penetration of liquids into porous solids, and physical aspects influencing the aggregation of living cells"

On a personal note, I must say that I have valued Bob Good's friendship and counsel over many years. Also, I would certainly be remiss if I did not publicly thank him for his valued service as a reviewer for this Journal and for his help in the resolution of disputes between authors and reviewers.

This tribute cannot end without mention of Bob's wife, Maud, whom I have also known for many years – a person of immense good humor and fun, who accompanies Bob to wherever he goes to meetings. Who can count the number of Gordon Research Conferences on Science of Adhesion, the American Chemical Society Meetings, the many Conferences in the USA, the UK, Canada and Japan where we have met - and that she has brightened by her presence? Bob is, indeed, a lucky man!

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Louis H. Sharpe Editor in Chief