

Dear reader,

You now have in your hands the first issue of a new journal Powder Metallurgy Progress (PMP), and as you are reading these lines, surely you have already read it, or have at least browsed through it. This issue is to be rather atypical as far as content. All contributions published in this issue are overview papers from various areas of powder metallurgy and without limit to size. The mentioned authors, together with us, took upon themselves a risk to participate in creation of the first journal issue. I thank them, and believe that they will be regular contributors, but also consultants for the journal's form and content in the interest of its high quality.

The Editorial Office of the PMP journal was established as an independent branch of the fixed organisational structure of the Institute of Materials Research SAS in Košice. Our institute belongs to the complex of scientific institutes of the Slovak Academy of Sciences. Editing of the journal was also supported by the Presidium SAS in Bratislava. This fact both pleases and obliges us at the same time. The members of the Editorial Office are four of the institute's personnel, and one external worker. The work of the Editorial Office abides by the Edit Schedule, has its own individual budget, and its main task is the editing and distribution of the journal. It is a young team full of enthusiasm and spirit.

Our goal is to contribute to the expansion of possibilities for publishing new scientific knowledge and advances within technology and to inform about current events in the powder metallurgy area. We plan, first of all, to publish scientific knowledge, however, we also welcome contributions from those using the research results, as to their application in the production of sintered materials and components. All contributions are reviewed by experts in the relevant area, by which we want to ensure a high scientific level of published papers. We would like to also establish a section introducing individual institutions dealing with the research of materials and technologies in powder metallurgy, as well as the most significant experts. We will also publish the technical and commercial information of manufacturing companies in the form of advertising. We plan to publish information about PM seminars and conferences that will be organised.

The members of the Editorial Board are scientist workers from the powder metallurgy branch in the Slovak Republic. The members of the International Advisory Board are reputable experts in powder metallurgy, with whom our institute has long-term co-operation and who support the idea to issue this journal. Many thanks to all of them and we believe, that their support will help us to create worthwhile journal and that they will contribute also to its publicity. In like manner, I thank also the co-editors who established the basic conditions for work of our editorial office.

Dear reader, we hope, that besides yours general interest in the new journal, you will become a regular contributor as well. On behalf of the members of the Editorial Office, I would like to ask you to not hesitate to send us yours remarks as to the content, to the journal design, and print quality. It will help us to improve the journal's level. The journal office's address is inscribed on the dust-cover, together with contact by e-mail, and reference to web page. At the same time, I should like to ask you for co-operation in journal publicity.

In the course of journal registration, we have intended to publish the journal 4x within a year. It is clear for us, that we have brought upon ourselves not an easy task. However, we believe that with a joint effort as well as with your interest concerning powder metallurgy development, and therefore also about the journal, we will be able to manage it together.

In the expectation that we will make contact,

On behalf of the Editorial Office

Košice, December 6, 2001

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