

Keeping the Power in *JPP*

IN the spring of 1994, I received a letter from Dr. Gary Bennett (then at NASA Headquarters) suggesting that there be a Special Issue of the *Journal of Propulsion and Power* devoted to aerospace power. Because of Gary's proven expertise in this field (as reflected by his recent award of the Aerospace Power Systems Award and by his role in organizing a group of sessions at the 1994 Intersociety Energy Conversion Engineering Conference and the 1995 Aerospace Sciences Meeting on the topic), I accepted his suggestion with enthusiasm. The several topics related to aerospace power have not been represented in the pages of the *Journal* to the extent desired by me, primarily because of the continuing development of novel concepts and the application of these concepts to systems with the reliability required for space applications.

The readers of this Special Issue will realize that Gary has performed an admirable service in identifying papers that represent the broad range of technologies required for advanced power generation and in acting as a special Guest Editor for the Issue, with all of the

effort that is required in this role. In addition, the cooperation of the Aerospace Power Technical Committee, under the leadership of Doug Allen and Perry Bankston, has been invaluable. Hopefully, this issue will provide the impetus for an increased number of papers appearing in the *Journal of Propulsion and Power* that reflect the many disciplines related to the *Power* portion of the *Journal*. Gary's role in this impetus cannot be adequately stated, and I hope that I have expressed the thanks of the readers of the *Journal of Propulsion and Power* to Gary in his continuing selfless efforts to the aerospace community, even after his retirement from full-time employment.

As always, I also wish to express my thanks to the authors of the papers in this issue and to the reviewers who aided in the preparation of the high-quality manuscripts that follow.

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