

More Power in *JPP*

A SERIES of sessions at the 1996 Aerospace Sciences Meeting on the application of aerospace technologies to the efficient generation of terrestrial energy was organized by the Terrestrial Energy Technical Committee of the AIAA. Owing to the success of these sessions, I encouraged Ashwani Gupta, the indefatigable Chairman of the TC and an outstanding Associate Editor of the *Journal of Propulsion and Power*, to organize more of them. He and his committee members readily agreed; sessions were organized at the 1996 Inter-society Energy Conversion Engineering Conference, Aerospace Sciences Conference, and at later conferences, with continuing success.

To demonstrate the scope of the technologies involved in our everyday life and the extent to which technology transfer is of value, Ashwani suggested a Special Section based on papers given at these sessions, as well as papers invited to complete the representation of the activities of the TC. I naturally accepted his suggestion with enthusiasm, based on my knowledge of the sessions and of his capabilities. In addition, I have felt that the several topics related to terrestrial energy have not been sufficiently represented in the *Journal*, and felt that such a Section would focus on the role of *JPP* in providing the appropriate outlook for such manuscripts.

The readers of the Special Section will realize that Ashwani and his Guest Editors, Dave Lilley and Dilip Ballal, have performed a valuable service in organizing the sessions mentioned earlier, as well as in working with authors and reviewers to produce this Section in a timely manner. I want to express my deep appreciation for their extensive efforts. The role of the entire Terrestrial Energy TC must also be recognized, since many of the members acted both as authors and reviewers for the manuscripts prepared by others. It has been a pleasure interacting with the TC on a continuing basis, and I know that the material for another Special Issue covering related topics is currently being assembled. The continuing efforts of Ashwani and his TC represent a true exemplar for other Technical Committees of the AIAA.

As always, I also wish to express my appreciation for the efforts of the authors in this Section and of the reviewers who played an integral role in the archival process. Listing their names is only part of recognizing their contributions.

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