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EDITORIAL

***Spectroscopy Letters:*
A Mission of Rapid Communication of High Quality
Spectroscopic Research**

Jerry Workman, Jr., Executive Editor

Prof. James Robinson will be stepping down as Executive Editor of *Spectroscopy Letters* and assuming the role of Founding Editor as of this first issue in 1999 (i.e., Volume 32). Dr. Robinson will be assisting me, as the new Executive Editor; and Dr. John Coates, as the new Associate Editor during the transition into 1999 and beyond. We owe our gratitude to Prof. Robinson for his accomplishment as the Founding Editor of *Spectroscopy Letters*, and for establishing it as a well-respected journal for rapid communication of fundamental developments in spectroscopy.

Spectroscopy Letters will continue to offer communications of original, experimental, and theoretical work, as an international journal; reporting on such methods as NMR, ESR, microwave, NIR, IR, Raman, and UV spectroscopy. In addition, atomic emission and absorption, X-ray spectroscopy, mass spectrometry, lasers, electron microscopy, molecular fluorescence, and molecular phosphorescence will continue to be included within the journal. We would like to add aspects of unique data processing methods and chemometric approaches to spectroscopy within the scope of this journal starting with Volume 32.

We invite you to submit papers to the editors on a continuous basis as we are committed to meet the requirements of *rapid peer review and publication of high quality scientific manuscripts in the English language*. Please join us in the pursuit of excellence and dissemination of fundamental developments in the art and science of spectroscopy. I would like to see the journal rejuvenated in the recruiting and publishing of papers that are as one of our Editorial Board members stated, "the 'hottest' new developments in all kinds of spectroscopy." I expect this effort will take some time; I believe it will take most of 1999 to begin to recruit papers that qualify under Prof. Robinson's original mission of *SL*.

In addition, we would like to move the journal to electronic copy as soon as possible to speed the review, editing, and publication process. (The alternative isn't called "Snail mail" simply as a rhetorical exercise!). This modernization will enable *SL* to cover the latest dialog in spectroscopic sciences, and to provide a vehicle for 60-day turn-around from receipt of electronic copy to journal production. Exact instructions for submission of electronic copy will be forthcoming. For now all e-mail correspondence can be directed to me at jworkman@kcc.com. These are the goals we have set before us. The first several issues of volume 32 will look much as the journal has recently appeared in terms of scientific scope; however moving into the latter issues of Volume 32, I would expect some surprising changes in the direction of the journal. If the distinguished Editorial Board will work with me to achieve these goals, they will become a reality.

The journal description below will help to initiate those unfamiliar with the breadth of *SL*.

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