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Editorial

I would like to thank a large number of people who have helped me in the beginning stages of my taking over the editorship of *Spectroscopy Letters*. Particularly, I would like to thank all authors who have submitted papers, and the phalanxes of reviewers who have reviewed those papers. My editorial assistant, Danielle Cleveland, has solicited over 400 reviews of papers in just a few months, and the response in support of the journal has been outstanding in every way. It is my intent, over the coming years, to improve the quality and currency of all articles through strict attention to peer review procedures, and through solicitation of special issues that cover a number of areas in spectroscopy. Look out for the first of these issues over the next two years. The editorial board, which you see listed in the first pages of every issue, is very active in the submission of papers to the journal, in the reviewing of papers, and in the planning of special issues. I would like to thank the members of the editorial board for agreeing to serve the journal in these ways. A new initiative, led by Professor David Butcher of Western Carolina State University, is to encourage papers on the teaching of spectroscopy at all levels. These papers will be collected in special issues in the first instance, but depending on the degree of interest, may widen to a special section in each issue. Other special issues, already being planned, include some that will cover specific areas of spectroscopy and conference issues.

It is with considerable enthusiasm that I look forward to working with authors, reviewers, and the editorial board. Please bear *Spectroscopy Letters* in your future publication plans for your spectroscopy research, and

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