

Judging from the external reviews and the comments of the associate editors, this issue contains a particularly large number of very fine papers. The range of papers is also pleasing: tektites, interplanetary dust, CAI, shocked chondrites, strewnfields, and fireball sounds are all represented. The temporary lack of papers on lunar science is a concern and, in this connection, I am pleased that Paul Warren has accepted our invitation to join the board as Hiroshi Takeda's replacement. We are also most grateful to Dr. Takeda for his years of dedicated service to *Meteoritics*.

It is also very gratifying that, without compromise to peer review and revision, 60 percent of the papers in this issue are being published within 9 months of submission. This time frame is considerably better than the monthly journals. The editors place great value on prompt publication and are especially keen to work with authors who have important, timely papers that they wish to see published on an accelerated schedule. We encourage authors of such papers to contact us early in the preparation of their manuscripts.

We include in this issue two "scientific editorials." These editorials will usually be written by Associate Editors who will describe papers they have handled and provide a brief background. We expect to have 2-3 such editorials in each issue. Our objectives are to provide a means of making some of our papers more accessible to persons who are not experts on the topic of the paper, to newcomers to the field and to casual readers. I am grateful to John Wasson and Hap McSween for getting this idea started with such success.

Meteorite collections and the announcement of new meteorites have always been important to members of the Meteoritical Society and to programs in meteorite research. The Meteoritical Bulletin provides a medium for new falls and finds, but collections have not had a similar forum. With this issue we start a new section of the journal, "Reports from Institutions." We encourage curators of important meteorite collections who do not publish catalogs to submit inventories with a

brief historical introduction. These submissions will be reviewed by a member of the Editorial Board and a member of the Nomenclature Committee.

Missing from this issue is an Invited Review. The Editorial Board, on advice from the Publications Committee and Drake Committee of 1985 (which reported to the Society on the future of *Meteoritics*), recommended the regular publication of such reviews. The present board assembled a list of suitable topics, and I am very pleased with the response to our initial set of invitations. We expect to publish a major Invited Review in every issue from now on. Coming attractions are: Goodrich on "Ureilites: Igneous or primitive? A critical review" (1992 September); Cassidy, Harvey, Delisle and Yanai on "The Antarctic meteorite collection sites" (1992 December); Taylor and Keil on "Differentiated meteorites and differentiation on asteroids and planets" (1993 March); Marvin on "The history of the Society on its 60th anniversary" (1993 June); and Anders and Zinner on "Interstellar grains in meteorites" (1993 September). Of course, there is nothing to prevent us from having more than one Invited Review in an issue, and the board continues to seek out good ideas to add to the list. We are especially interested in papers which place our traditional areas of interest in context with the broader fields of planetary science and astronomy, and, of course, unsolicited reviews continue to be welcome.

Finally, mention should be made of the decision of the Editorial Board and the Organizing Committee for this year's meeting, with the concurrence of Council, not to publish the meeting abstracts in the December issue of *Meteoritics*. This year, the abstract volume for the meeting will be a dedicated issue of *Meteoritics*, so the membership and our institutional subscribers will receive a fifth issue and the December issue can be devoted to research articles. The editors view this as the next step in the evolution of the journal. In every sense our journal is growing.

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