

## From the Editors

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There are 23 articles in the present issue, a factor of about 2 higher than most of us would consider a healthy issue. The range of topics covered is breathtaking: petrography of sediments from an impact crater, the mineralogy of interplanetary dust particles, chondrules, enstatite chondrites, martian meteorites, B cosmochemistry, a new Ti-, Ca-, Al-bearing mineral, cosmogenic isotopes, trapped gases and their isotopes, and tektites.

Many of the papers, several of which deal with nuclear cosmochemistry, were contributed in tribute to Peter Signer on the occasion of his 65th birthday and his retirement from the ETH Zürich. Ludolf Schultz and Rainer Wieler elaborate on this in their editorial below. *Meteoritics* is especially appreciative to Drs. Schultz and Wieler for making arrangements to bring these fine papers to its pages; to the associate editors for taking on an extra workload to make it possible; and, of course, to the authors for contributing their research. Especially worthy of comment is the paper by Al Nier and Dennis Schlutter. The cover picture shows the mass spectrometer that Nier and Schlutter used in their work, which is described in the present issue. Dr. Nier died tragically in early May, and the paper in this issue is his last publication. Robert Pepin, who was already working on an editorial comment, agreed to write a memorial. Appropriately, Peter Signer, who once studied with Dr. Nier at Minnesota, is a coauthor.

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