

Changes on the editorial front

With this issue, we welcome the largest number of associate editors to join the board in a single two–three month period since I became editor. This reflects the growth in breadth of the journal, growth that is also reflected by the name change from *Meteoritics* to *Meteoritics & Planetary Science*, as well as our determination to continue to provide the best publication outlet for meteorite papers. The new associate editors are Richard Binzel, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; William Hartmann, of the Planetary Science Institute, Tucson; Scott Sandford, of NASA Ames Research Center; Edward Scott, of the University of Hawaii and Ernst Zinner, of Washington University, St. Louis. I am particularly proud that these persons agreed to join the editorial board, not only because they are first-rate scientists but also because they share our conviction that meaningful understanding of the present and early Solar System requires a thoroughly multidisciplinary forum. By chance, they are all located in the U.S.; we are hoping that by the next issue we will have been able to secure assistance from some European and Japanese colleagues.

Rick Binzel will help Mike Gaffey look after the asteroid papers submitted to *Meteoritics & Planetary Science*, while Scott Sandford will handle papers on organic and interstellar cosmochemistry and Bill Hartmann will handle papers dealing with planetary surfaces. Ernst Zinner and Ed Scott will handle papers on isotopic cosmochemistry and mineralogy and petrology, respectively. Of course, greeting these new AEs is tinged with more than a touch of regret in that two appointments are replacements; Klaus Keil and Frank Podosek have had to step down in the face of growing commitments elsewhere. They have certainly been important and supportive colleagues during a period of major growth for the journal, and their contributions are very much appreciated. Fortunately, they have both offered their continued services as advisors.

This issue is the first to appear under my editorship without the name of Joyce Roth as Managing Editor. Joyce has guided me and the journal through tremendous changes—most of which are hopefully transparent to readers and authors—that would have been unimaginable five years ago. Her careful and thoughtful dedication to the journal and friendliness to the authors, associate editors and reviewers will be missed. We wish her every success in her future efforts.

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Editor