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**Series of papers and editorials in  
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new calculations, or otherwise requiring regular publication, will not be considered.

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The editorial board of *Meteoritics & Planetary Science* has discussed several times the merits of publishing series of papers in the journal. Initially, we were very skeptical; several associate editors cited problems associated with the practise. But we agreed that we should never say never, and eventually, with considerable help from Denis Shaw and his experiences as Editor of *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta*, we devised a list of requirements and criteria. All papers must be considered individually and pass successfully through the normal peer review and revision process, and all papers will be handled by our regular associate editors. Our first series appeared in the 1994 September issue and it was widely regarded as a great success. Many high-quality papers that might never have been written, or might have been submitted to other journals, appeared back-to-back in that issue.

The Shaw requirements and criteria have never been retracted by the editorial board and remain intact. But emboldened by our early experiences, and ever vigilant for our journal, we have succumbed to a fluke of nature and find ourselves with several series of papers in the pipeline. Of course, this has meant a temporary suspension of Invited Reviews in order to make space available. With their proposed publication dates in parentheses, the series are:

*Conference on Presolar Grains, St. Louis, Missouri, USA,  
October 31–November 2, 1996 (September 1997)*

*Workshop on Vesta and the HED Meteorites, Houston, Texas,  
USA, October 16–18, 1996 (November 1997)*

*Recipients of awards from the Barringer Crater Company  
(March/July 1998)*

*Workshop on Parent Body and Nebular Modification of  
Chondritic Materials, Maui, Hawaii, July 17–19, 1997  
(September 1998)*

*Martian Meteorites and Conditions on Early Mars (July 1998)*

We are concerned that these series be open and fair discussions of their topics and that potential authors are aware of this opportunity to interact with their colleagues. Three of the series are based on papers presented at workshops and meetings, and interested persons should contact the meeting organizers (although two are now history). But two were organized by a group of associate editors. Using a currently popular notion, these two series might be considered "virtual conferences." Anyone interested in these, who has not yet been approached by us, should contact the journal offices for details.

Most of the essays that have appeared in this section of *Meteoritics & Planetary Science* were either written by the editors or solicited by them using the aims and objectives determined by the editorial board in 1993. However, in recent months we have published several that were submitted without solicitation. In something of an experimental mode, and after a simple review that all editorials endure, we have published these essays. Without making any commitment to publish, and stressing the need for a minimal review, we encourage the submission of "guest editorials" on any matter of interest to the readership, providing the issue is substantive, of broad interest and constructive. These essays should either summarize a relevant research meeting or provide the background to specific articles appearing in *Meteoritics & Planetary Science* or elsewhere. They should be 350–500 words long and written for a wide audience, such as students or senior people outside our field, and they might include a figure and references. Essays involving new data,