

## From the Editors

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### New Associate Editors

One of the rewards of being the Editor of *Meteoritics & Planetary Science* is that it brings me into contact with many first-rate colleagues, some of which I would never meet otherwise. This year we greet five new associate editors, some of them old friends of mine, some of them new, but all of them well known and respected in our research field. With the high rate of submission of papers, typically running about 15 per month last year, and complaints of overwork from several existing associate editors, the editorial board sent the names of a large number of people to the Publications Committee. They selected five.

Pat Cassen is an astrophysicist at Ames Research Center with a particular interest in the relevance of meteorites to models of the early solar system. He has published papers in *Meteoritics & Planetary Science*, including the widely cited review on chronology and solar system models, and a particularly insightful summary of the Hawaii workshop on nebula and parent body alteration processes of chondrites.

Jeremy Delaney is a petrologist at Rutgers University with a special interest in non-chondritic meteorites. We have seen a huge increase in the number of papers in this area and his expertise is much needed. Jerry is well noted for his recognition, with Paul Warren, of the first lunar meteorite from a maria region.

Paulo Farinella of the University of Pisa, another *Meteoritics & Planetary Science* author, enhances our collective expertise in orbital mechanics. Increasing sophistication of orbital calculations, as well growing views about individual asteroids as meteorite parent bodies, mean that this will be an important area of research for our journal in the future.

Dave Mittlefehldt is a geochemist at the Johnson Space Center with special interest in mesosiderites and non-chondritic meteorites. He has contributed several papers to *Meteoritics & Planetary Science*, most notably his discovery paper that ALH 84001 was a Martian meteorite, and he has reviewed many papers, his reviewing being noted for quality and speed.

Carlé Pieters of Brown University, who has also published in *Meteoritics & Planetary Science*, is a specialist in remote sensing. She will enhance our expertise in asteroids and remote sensing of planetary bodies. She is also interested in spacecraft sample return missions, another important field of the future for those likely to be reading *Meteoritics & Planetary Science*.

With apologies for my clumsy attempts at describing their fields of interest, I welcome these five new associate editors to the editorial board and look forward to working with them in the future.

Derek Sears  
Editor