

Gordon E. Pike Appointed *JMR* Editor-in-Chief

MRS President Martin L. Green has appointed Gordon E. Pike of Sandia National Laboratories as Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Materials Research (JMR)*, effective July 14, 2001. Pike replaces Robert P. Frankenthal of Bell Laboratories, Lucent Technologies, who is retiring after three years of distinguished service as *JMR* Editor-in-Chief.

Pike said, "I am fortunate to be appointed Editor-in-Chief of a journal that is scientifically well-respected and healthy as a result of the wisdom and hard work of my predecessors and their Principal Editors. My initial goals are to make *JMR* even more attractive to the most important and exciting materials discoveries and interdisciplinary research, decrease the publication time, and increase the readership and ultimate use of reports through electronic publishing technology."

Pike joined Sandia in 1969 after receiving his PhD degree in physics from the University of Pittsburgh. His research has been primarily in the area of electronic properties of materials. He has made scientific advances in and engineering contributions to a range of materials including superconductors, dielectrics, polycrystalline semiconductors, ferroelectrics, and various composites from thick-film resistors to conducting elastomers. Since 1985, Pike has managed several materials



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research organizations at Sandia, and he has just concluded a two-year assignment in the Office of Defense Science at the U.S. Department of Energy in Washington, DC. Prior to this temporary post, he had been Senior Manager, Deputy Director, and Interim Director of the Materials and Process Sciences Center at Sandia. In those positions, he managed several broad, interdisciplinary materials research programs involving multiple Sandia organizations and their university and industrial partners.

Pike has a long and active history with the Materials Research Society, beginning as a symposium co-organizer at the 1982

meeting. Subsequently he co-chaired the 1983 Fall Meeting, and also the first MRS Spring Meeting in 1984. Pike was active on the Publications Subcommittee that created *JMR*, and was MRS President in 1986 when the first volume of *JMR* appeared in print. He received the prestigious MRS Woody Award in 1991 for extraordinary contributions to the Society, and has maintained a high level of involvement since then. Most recently, he led the task force that created the Research Tools Seminars, an educational program that debuted at the 2000 MRS Fall Meeting.

During his tenure as Editor-in-Chief, Frankenthal made substantial contributions to *JMR*. He sustained the high technical quality of *JMR* and made numerous improvements in administrative processes and manuscript flow, significantly improving the competitive position of the journal.

Commenting on the transition, James B. Roberto, chair of the *JMR* Advisory Review Board, said, "Gordon brings extensive leadership and research experience in the materials community to this position, and I am delighted with the appointment. We welcome Gordon to his new position and thank Bob for his leadership at *JMR* over the past three years. We are deeply indebted to Bob for his dedication and service." MRS

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