

CHANGING OF THE GUARD

This editorial announces some major changes for POWDER DIFFRACTION. After thirteen years as Editor-in-Chief, I will retire and turn the responsibilities for the journal over to Dr. Ting C. Huang in March of 1999. It has been a pleasant and productive fifteen years that I have been associated with the formation and editing of the primary publication for powder diffraction applications, procedures, and results. Many changes have already occurred in the thirteen years of production including several personnel changes, a change in publishers, and a change in philosophy from encouraging papers containing data to emphasizing papers on the theory and practice for improving techniques and accuracy. Education has also been important when POWDER DIFFRACTION reprinted some of the older literature to illustrate how much was accomplished in the early years of diffraction analysis. Review articles are also being included, for example my article on the analysis of the silica phases for industrial health monitoring. Hopefully more articles of the educational nature will continue to appear.

Dr. Ting C. Huang will assume the editorship of POWDER DIFFRACTION in March 1999. He has been a Research Scientist at the IBM Research Center in San Jose, CA for many years and is not an independent consultant. He is the editor for *Advances in X-ray Analysis* and a regional editor for the *Journal of Applied Crystallography*, so he has considerable experience in editing journals in the field. He has also been acting as the Editor for *New Diffraction Data* for the past year. He will bring new insights into the journal management. He will begin to accept manuscripts for the journal in January 1999. His operating address is:

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Dr. William E. Mayo will assume the position as Editor for *New Diffraction Data* in March 1999 when Dr. Huang assumes the journal editorship. He also brings long experience to the journal in the editing of data as he has been Editor: *Metals and Alloys* for the *Powder Diffraction File* for some time and previously worked with Dr. Sigmund Weissmann, the previous PDF editor. His operating address is:

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I have enjoyed my years as Editor-in-Chief of POWDER DIFFRACTION and have regrets giving up the position so early, but it is time to make changes. I intend to remain active as an Editor for Reviews and Reprints to assist in the educational activities of this Journal. I encourage those of you interested in the preparation of a review article or with suggestions for pre-1950 articles worthy for reprinting to contact me. My operating address is:

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