

## ON THIS AND THAT

Last issue, the editorial was devoted to the possibility of forming a society to promote X-ray analysis and to interact with the Denver X-ray Conference and other similar conferences held around the world. The wheels are turning very slowly to give everyone a chance to provide input to the committee considering the organization. Unfortunately, my e-mail address was incorrectly listed. That error may be why the only comments I have received were from individuals with whom I often correspond. The correct address is smith@vax1.mrl.psu.edu. The committee is still encouraging input to this proposal.

The second point concerns the preparation of manuscripts. There have been several questions from authors concerning the submission of manuscripts on disk in LaTeX, Microsoft Word, or WordPerfect, or by e-mail in LaTeX. The following procedures should be followed:

- (1) It is not advisable to supply a disk with the first submission of the manuscript because there are invariably changes recommended by the reviewers which need to be entered. Authors should wait for the editor to indicate that the manuscript is acceptable and then supply the computer readable disk.
- (2) Sometimes, AIP does not use a submitted disk to setup the master file because there are problems encountered which require more time to correct than to enter the manuscript by other methods. Tables and figures usually cause the most problems. Disks are only acceptable in LaTeX, Microsoft Word, and WordPerfect. ASCII files are not used.
- (3) Figures are the most common problem with most manuscripts. Black and white line drawings in original form or as glossy prints are easy to process. Note that the requirement is now that the figures are to be submitted in final size to fit one column (cm) or two columns (cm) widths. Photographs or figures with continuous tone must be provided as good photographs. Computer generated images still cause considerable difficulty when provided as PostScript files. Some are readable: most are not.
- (4) Authors who want to submit the final manuscript in LaTeX by e-mail should so indicate in the covering letter. This information will be transmitted to AIP who will then contact the author and indicate when to send the file.

The following information for authors who want to participate in the compuscript program has been edited from information supplied by Liz Belmont at AIP.

There have been some changes lately in the AIP compuscript program, and I thought I would take this opportunity to fill you in.

First of all, the contact person for obtaining the Word/WordPerfect author toolkit has changed. Katie Bell is no longer with AIP, and therefore will not be sending the toolkits out. We are hoping to automate this process sometime in the near future, but for the time being my staff and I will be handling the distribution of the disks.

We have created a new e-mail address exclusively for disk requests. It is [toolkits@aip.org](mailto:toolkits@aip.org). In the meantime, however, all e-mail requests that have been sent to Katie will be forwarded to this new e-mail address.

Also, it's my pleasure to announce that I have finally hired a compuscript editor. Her name is Linda Snyder and she will be assisting me in all aspects of the job, from processing files to answering author queries to helping all of you in our quest to obtain and use more author files. She has been at AIP for 16 years (I finally found someone who has been here longer than I have!) and she has extensive TeX, PC, and customer service experience.

If you have any questions, Linda and I can be reached via e-mail. Mail your messages to us at [esubs@aip.org](mailto:esubs@aip.org).

Liz Belmont

The third item is to announce that the ICDD has scheduled the Fall 1997 Technical Committee meetings to be held at the Denver X-ray Conference. This choice was primarily to encourage new participants to attend and observe the ICDD in action and possibly to become involved.

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