

From the Editor

It is my privilege and pleasure to contribute these initial thoughts as Editor in Chief of *Microscopy and Microanalysis*, the official journal of the Microscopy Society of America (MSA) as well as of the Microbeam Analysis Society and the Microscopical Society of Canada. As described elsewhere in this issue by Ann Goldstein, past president of MSA, the last several years have seen many positive developments in our societies and in their contributions to the fields of microscopy and microanalysis. The establishment of *Microscopy and Microanalysis*, to be published by the distinguished international publishing house of Springer-Verlag, clearly ranks among the most significant of these important and long-range developments.

The goal of all involved with *Microscopy and Microanalysis* is to provide to the membership of our societies, as well as to the scientific community in general, the highest quality forum for publication of truly innovative results in a wide range of fields of importance to microscopy and microanalysis. The leadership of the societies, the publisher, and the editors are all deeply commit-

ted to this goal. Fortunately, we will be building on the outstanding foundations laid by Jean-Paul Revel and his colleagues, who contributed so much to the establishment of the *Journal of the Microscopy Society of America* (JMSA), and also by Rich Linton and his associates in the establishment of *Microbeam Analysis*, which was incorporated into JMSA in 1994.

Due to the strength of this beginning through JMSA, the talents of the members of the societies involved, and the importance of the fields of microscopy and microanalysis to so many areas of inquiry, I am sure that *Microscopy and Microanalysis* will achieve its high promise. I am equally sure that this success will be due to the variety of important roles each of us will play as contributing authors, manuscript reviewers, and interested readers. I look forward to your active involvement in this exciting and rewarding endeavor.

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