We welcome SF2M

Starting with this (November 2006) issue of the International Journal of Materials Research (Int. J. Mat. Res.), formerly Zeitschrift für Metallkunde, the Société Française du Métallurgie et Matériaux (SF2M) will join our journal as an Associate Editor. This step was initiated by our French colleagues and approved by the Board of the German Society of Materials Research (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Materialkunde). Our French colleagues will be represented on both the Editorial Board and the Advisory Board of the journal.

Our journal has a very long tradition. It was founded in 1919 by Emil Heyn, the nestor of modern metallurgy in Germany and founder of the Kaiser-Wilhelm-Institut für Metallforschung, now the Max-Planck-Institut für Metallforschung. Emil Heyn had great foresight concerning the need for fundamental research in metallurgy as well as its application in industry. The journal was shaped and reformed over recent decades by Werner Köster and then by Günter Petzow. Each of them acted as editor-in-chief for more than twenty years. The scope of the journal was broadened from metallurgy to materials science for all classes of materials, and over recent years developed into an international journal now publishing exclusively in the English language.

We are very pleased that SF2M is joining us as an Associate Editor. We hope that this action will lead to a closer interaction between the two societies in the heart of Europe and to a wider reach of the journal. We invite all colleagues from France, Germany, Europe and from the whole world to submit good scientific papers to our journal and to subscribe to the journal, too.

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