

# COMMENTS

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It was a pleasure working with the organizers of the Fifth Topical Meeting on the Technology of Fusion Energy in the production of this special issue of *Nuclear Technology/Fusion (NT/F)*. The extensive help of Jim Scott, Charles Flanagan, Will Becraft, and their staff made the project possible. (A complete list of the meeting organizers and sponsors follows these comments.) Also, Chris Stalker, *NT/F* editorial assistant, Lorretta Palagi, ANS Publications Office, and June Jernigan, Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) staff, who ran the manuscript desk at the meeting, made a complicated task pleasant and efficient.

When the ANS Board of Directors approved the concept of publication in *NT/F* of camera-ready papers from a meeting, they stressed that the quality must be maintained through a rigorous review. As persons participating in the meeting know, copies of the full-length papers were requested one month in advance so they could be sent to two reviewers. This was done in a majority of cases, but some late papers were given to reviewers at the meeting or mailed out shortly thereafter. Will Becraft handled the mechanics of the review for papers mailed to ORNL, and I cannot overemphasize the importance of his contribution to the review process.

This procedure resulted in some mats being returned to the authors for revisions. While this may have seemed awkward to some, it was the only way that we could ensure that reviewers would see a "final" copy of the proposed paper (versus reading a "rough" draft). Fortunately, the advent of word processing equipment makes such a procedure less painful than it would have been a few years back.

In addition to the authors, the reviewers deserve much credit for the success of the meeting and this special issue. Their willingness to expedite both the reviews and any corrections that resulted was essential due to our tight publication schedule. The authors names are public knowledge while the reviewers names are not. However, reviewers for this issue will be listed along with other regular reviewers in an issue at the end of the year. In the meantime, a debt of gratitude is due to the reviewers from all concerned.

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