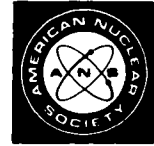


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This special issue contains a collection of papers from the fusion sessions of the Ninth International Vacuum Congress and Fifth International Conference on Solid Surfaces held in Madrid, Spain, September 26–October 1, 1983. Dr. Manfred Kaminsky from Argonne National Laboratory was the organizer for the fusion sessions at the conferences and also serves as guest editor for this issue of *Fusion Technology*. This has been an extremely demanding job for Dr. Kaminsky due to the complexity of coordinating papers from the large number of countries. He also arranged for the reviews of these papers, which were submitted to the same criteria as the normal contributions to *Fusion Technology*. Finally, he has interacted very effectively with the editorial staff, artist, and printers. I am confident that after you, the reader, have examined this issue you will agree with me that this collection of papers represents a very important contribution to the archival literature. Thus, I am sure that you will join me in thanking Dr. Kaminsky for the hard work that has made this issue possible. I also wish to thank the organizers of the Congress, the International Union for Vacuum Science, Technique and Applications, and the Spanish Vacuum Society for their cooperation.

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