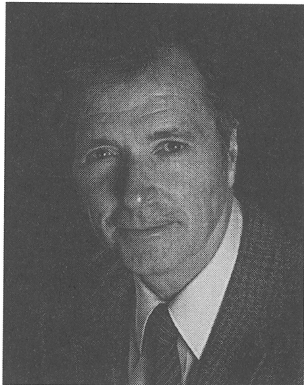


COMMENTS



This special issue of *Fusion Technology* (FT) contains selected full-length papers from the Thirteenth Target Fabrication Specialists' Meeting (TFSM). Ken Schultz, General Atomics, served as the guest editor for the issue and has done an admirable job in interfacing with authors and reviewers of the papers to put this collection together. We are deeply indebted to him and to the program chairs, Abbas Nikroo and Wayne Miller, for the dedicated effort they put into pulling this important special issue together. *Fusion Technology* is extremely pleased to continue this tradition, started with the Tenth TFSM. Target fabrication, both for present

experiments and for future power plants, represents one of the most important and fascinating technologies associated with inertial fusion energy. Thus, *FT* is pleased to be recognized as a "home" for important publications in this area.

This special issue is an appropriate time to join members of the inertial confinement fusion community in honoring the memory of Larry Foreman (Los Alamos National Laboratory), a leader in the field. Larry was well known to *FT*, being both a frequent author and reviewer of manuscripts plus a guest editor of two past TFSM special issues. He would have been most pleased with the continuing progress made in target fabrication, as shown by the impressive results reported in papers contained in this issue. As pointed out in Dr. Schultz's comments, the TFSM has set up an award in Larry's memory. His spirit and drive will remain an inspiration to all in the field.

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