

# COMMENTS

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The staff of *Fusion Technology (FT)* is pleased to publish this set of papers from the Sixth ANS Topical Meeting on the Technology of Fusion Energy. This marks the second time that we have published papers from this important meeting, the first being the special issue from the Fifth Topical at Knoxville, Tennessee. Hopefully this tradition will continue since all of the comments that we have received have been very favorable and the participants view this publication as an important aspect of the meeting as well as a significant contribution to the fusion community. The wide availability in archival litera-

ture of the papers greatly extends the influence of the technical contributions at the meeting. Further, since the papers undergo a review, their general quality, as well as the preparation of meeting presentations, is enhanced.

It was a pleasure working with the organizers of the Sixth Topical. The extensive help of Carl Henning (General Chairman), Ralph Moir and Mike Monsler (Co-Program Chairmen), and their staff, including many workers from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL), which served as host organization for the meeting, made the project feasible. (A complete list of meeting organizers and sponsors follows the Preface.) Carl Henning provided insight and enthusiasm while serving as a "trouble shooter" for the numerous detailed problems associated with such a massive undertaking. The program committee put together an exciting and timely collection of sessions and panels and helped us work with the authors in preparation of manuscripts. Ed Dalder (LLNL) coordinated the review of the papers using a combination of reviewers sought out in advance along with some attendees at the meeting. His handling of the reviews and his interaction with the authors in this process were demanding tasks in view of the many people involved and the tight time schedule. Also, Chris Stalker, *FT* editorial assistant, and Joyce Vance (LLNL), who ran the author's desk at the meeting, saw to it that the many details involved in handling the manuscripts ran smoothly. Finally, but not least, Virgie Zuppan (LLNL), Ruth Mann (University of Illinois), and

complicated by the rigid time schedule and by the problem of last minute changes caused by the review process. The widespread use of word processor technology has made such a procedure possible, but even so, the process only works well if the author is understanding and enthusiastic about the publication. Fortunately, an overwhelming majority of the Sixth Topical authors fall into this category. Again, thanks are due!

The reviewers also deserve much credit for the success of the meeting and this special issue. A complete listing of the reviewers will be included in our normal year-end list of reviewers in *FT*. For logistics reasons, many were drawn from LLNL and other laboratories on the West Coast. The reviewer receives no recognition during the meeting but must contribute considerable time to his task. Some persons seem to view this as an adversary process and this can, on occasion, cause tensions to rise. Our general experience, however, has been that authors are grateful for the opportunity to receive constructive comments about their work. In any case, our reviewers must be viewed as the unsung heroes of this issue.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "George Miley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, prominent 'G' and 'M'.