



I would like to ask you, the readers of *Fusion Technology (FT)*, for some help. We have had a number of outstanding special issues on select topics in *FT*. If you have any suggestions for topics for future special issues, I would appreciate receiving your suggestions.

It may be helpful to briefly review topics that appeared in previous special issues. They include (with guest editor in parenthesis) the following: Fusion Device Radiation Streaming and Shielding (B. Engholm) and International Collaboration in Fusion Energy Development (K. Chung), Vol. 2, 1982; Computational Methods for Fusion Plasma Engineering (G. Miley), Vol. 3, 1983; NSF Workshop on Compact Fusion Concepts (F. Huband), Vol. 4, 1983; Deep Penetration: Problems and Methods of Solution (M. Ragheb), Vol. 5, 1984; Plasma Heating and Current Drive (G. Miley), Vol. 7, 1985; Blanket Comparison and Selection Study (D. Smith), Vol. 8, 1985; Compact Toroids, Vol. 9, 1986; Design, Construction, and First Operational Experience on the Joint European Torus (JET) (B. Keen) and KrF Lasers for Inertial Confinement Fusion (D. Dudziak), Vol. 11, 1987; Heavy-Ion Fusion (D. Dudziak), Vol. 13, 1988; Next European Torus (NET) (E. Greenspan and L. Perkins), Vol. 14, 1988; and Carbon Materials for Fusion Application (H. Conrads), Vol. 15, 1989.

The previous special issues have been very successful and have generated considerable interest among our readers. Now three new topics will be covered in special issues planned for future issues: Plasma Engineering Aspects of Titan (F. Najmabadi); Stellarators, Status, and Prospects (J. Lyon); and Solid State Lasers for ICF Research and Applications (H. Lowdermilk).

Our approach with all special issues is to identify a guest editor along with the topic. A major responsibility for the guest editor is to ensure that all important topics on the subject are included and that appropriate authors are located. In addition to the papers organized through the guest editor, we also consider contributed papers from any authors who have an interest in the topic (see, for example, the announcement for the special issue on Solid State Lasers in *FT*, Vol. 15, p. 223, 1989).

Your help in identifying future topics is greatly appreciated. We hope to continue to develop outstanding special issues that cover both "mature" and "new emerging" topics that are of particular interest to you, the reader.

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