

### Letter from the Editors

Many of our readers know that this Journal is the result of some six years of development, beginning with a newsletter, which originated in ASTM Committee D-30 on High Modulus Fibers and Their Composites and Subcommittee E09.03 on Fatigue of Composites. The new format and altered title you have before you are the final stage in this development process and reflect the fact that our readers and contributors are best served by this journal format. We have made some other changes that are less visible but equally important. We have streamlined and improved our paper handling mechanism to ensure the timely publication of full-length articles and have introduced a "quick" publication scheme for short articles such as extended abstracts or other less formal technical documents. We have rededicated ourselves to this important task.

Our technical thrust is unchanged. We are committed to the task of bringing to the community the thoughts and results generated by a wide range of scientists and engineers concerned with the development and application of composite materials and the understanding and modeling of their behavior. Rigor is an absolute requirement; all technical material in the Journal is subjected to peer review.

A journal is no more than the sum of the information and ideas that appear in its pages. We express our appreciation to the contributors who have brought this Journal to life, and look forward to the continued growth and maturation of the *Journal of Composites Research and Technology*.