

## Editorial

As the *Journal of Composites Technology & Research* enters its second decade of existence, new leadership will take over. During the past ten years, there have been a number of co-editors and associate editors, however, two have clearly stood out as the driving force behind the Journal, Prof. Ken Reifsnider of Virginia Tech and Dr. George Sendecky of the Air Force Wright Research and Development Center. Ken and George have assumed many new responsibilities in recent years and have found it necessary to "pass the torch". The new editors Paul A. Lagace, John E. Masters, and I would like to take this opportunity to extend a public thanks to Ken, George, and the other co-editors of the past who have contributed to the continuing success of the *Journal of Composites Technology & Research*.

As with any new administration, we hope to build upon the past and make the Journal bigger and better, as well as, add a few new items of our own creation. In this issue you will find an expanded *World of Composites* that reviews the composites re-

lated activities in ASTM Committees D-30 on High Modulus Fibers and Their Composites, E-24 on Fracture Testing, and E-9 on Fatigue. We will also be noting significant activities that are occurring in other composites related organizations, such as the American Society of Composites, ASME, SAMPE, SACMA, and AIAA. We will continue the popular *Calendar on Composites* and *Composites Contents* sections. A new feature will be a *Guest Commentary* in each issue written by a "highly placed" individual in government, industry, or academia who can provide his organization's perspective on the current and future status of composite materials. We hope you, the reader, will continue to find the Journal informative, intellectually stimulating, and a highly desirable media in which to publish your composites related technical papers.

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