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Editorial Transitions for *Journal of Materials Engineering and Performance*

Dear Reader,

In an editorial in March 2020, I had mentioned that an announcement would be made in the summer or early fall of two new associate editors for the *Journal of Materials Engineering and Performance* (JMEP). Two vacancies were left with the departure of PR Subramanian and Jeff Waldman whose associate editor terms officially ended at the close of 2019.

In the intervening months, another development created a third opening for an associate editor position. One of JMEP's highly valued associate editors since 2014, Elvin Beach, was enlisted for the position of deputy editor of ASM's *Journal of Failure Analysis and Prevention*. Elvin came on board the editorial team of JMEP at a time when the journal needed a qualified and experienced professional willing to take on the challenges of handling substantially increased submission volume. Over the years, Elvin has contributed much to JMEP's growth and success. As we applaud his contributions to JMEP, we wish him continued success in his new role as JFAP's deputy editor.

I am pleased to announce that three highly qualified and consummate professionals with an outstanding record of scholarly accomplishment have agreed to step into the role of associate editor of JMEP. Drs. Natalia Sobczak, Carter Hamilton, and John Tartaglia are our newest associate editors. All of them have contributed to JMEP for many years in multiple roles, including special issue editor, reviewer, editorial committee member, and contributing author. They join the ranks of our two current associate editors who continue to provide exceptional editorial service to our authors – Omar Es-Said of Loyola Marymount University and Sergiy Kalnaus of Oak Ridge National Laboratory. At the start of the current year, we were fortunate to have Bill Frazier step into the role of JMEP's editor. Besides handling his onerous day-to-day editorial responsibilities, Bill recently launched an initiative to bring out a focus issue on additive manufacturing. Team JMEP is deeply committed to the journal's mission and well-positioned to moving the journal forward.

Below are brief profiles of our newest associate editors and their areas of interest and expertise.

Natalia Sobczak is a Professor and Department Head at the Institute of Metallurgy and Materials Science of Polish Academy of Sciences at Kraków, Poland. Until 2019, she was Head of the Center for High-Temperature Studies at Foundry Research Institute at Kraków and a Professor at the Institute of Precision Mechanics at Warsaw. She has held visiting professor or senior visiting researcher appointments at Lawrence Berkeley Labs, University of Central Florida, Universities of Wisconsin–Madison and Milwaukee, and universities at Clausthal, Grenoble, Osaka, Sendai, Sapporo, CNR-Genova, and IFW-Dresden. Natalia earned her Ph.D. from St. Petersburg Technical University in Russia and D.Sc. from Polish Academy of Sciences. Her research interests include superalloys, lead-free solders, composite materials, refractories, porous materials, casting, solidification, joining, brazing, and high-temperature processes.

Carter Hamilton is a Professor in the Department of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering at Miami University at Oxford, Ohio, where he has been since 2004. He concurrently holds appointments as a visiting professor with the AGH University of Science and Technology and Pedagogical University, both in Kraków, Poland. Carter brings many years of technical and managerial experience with Universal Alloy Corporation where he was Manager of Quality and Metallurgy, and Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company where he was Senior Materials and Processes Engineer. Carter earned a Ph.D. in metallurgy from Georgia Tech where he was also a Presidential Fellow and received the Best M.S. thesis award in engineering. His technical interests center on friction stir welding, aluminum alloys, modeling and simulation, mechanics of solids, composite materials, creep, and fracture.

John Tartaglia is a Senior Metallurgical Engineer with Element Materials Technology, a metallurgical testing and engineering company located in Wixom, Michigan. John is a consultant and published researcher in wrought steels, aluminum, magnesium, refractory, and ductile cast iron alloys, fatigue, failure analysis, SEM, EDS, and TEM. He is an experienced expert witness in failure analysis, industrial, and patent litigation, and an industrial educator in metallurgical testing, die steel, electron microscopy, microanalysis, fatigue, failure analysis, medical materials, and standards. He holds a Ph.D. degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and he is a Fellow of ASM International. John is a Key Reader for *Metallurgical and Materials Transactions*, a university materials program evaluator for ABET, and serves on a number of committees of ASM, TMS, and the American Foundry Society (AFS). He has received the Howard Taylor, Scientific Merit, and Best Paper awards from AFS.

Please join me in welcoming Natalia, Carter, and John as our newest members of Team JMEP!

Best wishes!

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