Let the Material Tell the Story

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Many thanks to ASM for the abundant opportunities over the years. Working with local chapters, affiliate societies, and other active groups creates lifelong networks and connections. In particular, it has been a wonderful experience over the past year to work with the staff of the journal *Metallography, Microstructure, and Analysis*: Editor Ryan Deacon, Associate Editor Elvin Beach, Advisory Editor Chris Bagnall, the board members, and the ASM staff at Headquarters, especially Mary Anne Fleming and Patty Conti, who kept us organized. Although I will be stepping down as an Associate Editor of the journal, I will continue as a reviewer and look forward to seeing the journal grow as manuscripts arrive from all over the world. In the coming year, I will be strongly involved in my new local ASM chapter and forging new connections in my community.

There is a saying at the research center of a large, United States steelmaker: “Let the Steel tell the story.” This journal might have the motto, “Let the material tell the story.” The story of a material begins with understanding the microstructure through careful metallography and microscopy along with documenting the properties through

appropriate testing. As long as materials processing and alloying advances continue, metallography, microstructure, and analysis will always be an essential component of research. This is particularly true in rapidly advancing techniques such as additive manufacturing. We are learning about effects of processing on powders and powders in building and building on part performance. I look forward to seeing the continuing advance of this journal, published through the International Metallographic Society, and highly encourage readers to submit manuscripts.

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