

Editorial

As announced in **MMM** (volume 8, number 3, June 1997), the present issue is the last of the series founded in 1989, the first of which appeared in February 1990. For the last eight years, **Microscopy, Microanalysis, Microstructures** (MMM), the organ of the Société Française des Microscopies (SF μ), has been a forum in which many of the latest developments in all aspects of microscopy and microanalysis have been published. With more than 500 papers occupying a total of about 5000 pages, we believe that our journal has reached its initial goals.

A few months ago, however, the decision was taken to merge several of the most important European titles in physics (*Journal de Physique*, *Zeitschrift für Physik*) into a single serial: **The European Physical Journal**. In this context, it was clearly attractive to merge **MMM** with the **Journal de Physique III** to form **EPJ Applied Physics**. This fusion was put into practice during the early weeks of 1998 and the first issues of the new **EPJ AP** series have already appeared.

As I close, with some nostalgia, the present MMM series, I wish to thank all my colleagues, editors of the journal over the past eight years, for their assistance and support. It is also my pleasure to acknowledge all the authors who have created the journal with their papers. As for the future, the editorial work will continue to be executed at the SF μ secretariat: the staff are ready to receive and process all the new and stimulating manuscripts that you will undoubtedly continue to submit, from now on to **EPJ AP**, for publication in a more broadly based journal addressed to a wider audience. The publication of this continuation of **MMM** will be the responsibility of EDP Sciences.

We hope very sincerely that the new association will quickly demonstrate its efficiency in publishing the most interesting manuscripts in our general fields of interest, and constitute an attractive centre for future mergers.

Let us conclude the **MMM** adventure by wishing

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