Editorial

Jack D. Gaskill, Editor

Thanks to All Who Helped in 1985

On behalf of the officers and governors of SPIE, the SPIE editorial staff, and my predecessor, John Caulfield, I would like to thank all of the individuals who contributed in any way to the publication of Optical Engineering in 1985.

I especially want to single out the Guest Editors, without whom the various special issues could not have been produced. The duties of the Guest Editors were to solicit manuscripts from selected scientists and engineers, to have the manuscripts reviewed, to see that they were revised by the authors if necessary, and to make a recommendation to the Editor regarding the acceptance or rejection of each. In addition, they had to determine the order of publication of the accepted papers and write guest editorials for their special issues. Their task took a tremendous amount of work, and we are grateful that there were those who were willing to put in the time and effort to help in this manner.

The Guest Editors for 1985 were

John A. Neff (Optical Computing, Jan./Feb.)
Armand R. Tanguay, Jr., and Cardinal Warde (Optical Information Processing Components, Jan./Feb.)
S. Sriram (Integrated Optical Circuit Engineering, March/April)
Scott A. Armstrong and Nelson W. Wallace (Infrared Optics, March/April)
Theodore Vorburger (Surface Metrology, May/June)
James D. Trolinger (Image and Hologram Data Reduction, May/June)
Mario Dagenais and Robert J. Seymour (Nonlinear Optical Materials, Devices, and Applications, July/Aug.)
Ryszard J. Pryputniewicz (Holographic Interferometry, July/Aug. and Sept./Oct.)
Lloyd Huff (Applications of Holography, Sept./Oct.)
Timothy C. Strand and Donald W. Sweeney (3-D Sensing for Inspection, Nov./Dec.)
Donald S. Frankel and O. I. Sindoni (Spectral Pattern Recognition, Nov./Dec.)

Next, I would like to thank all of the authors who submitted manuscripts to be considered for publication, including those whose papers were not selected. Space does not permit me to list them all here, but without these authors, each issue of the journal would have consisted simply of a front cover and a back cover, with an editorial sandwiched in between.

Although I have previously acknowledged the contributions of referees in the publication process [Editorial: "The Review Process," Opt. Eng. 24(5), SR-116 (1985)], I would again like to express our appreciation to these guardians of the quality of Optical Engineering.

Finally, I would like to applaud those unsung heroes—the secretaries, typists, draftsmen, programmers, and graphics specialists—who encouraged, nagged, typed, drew, programmed, plotted, etc., often long after quitting time, in order to help the authors meet various publication deadlines. Without these hardworking and often forgotten individuals, the manuscripts would have never gotten to the Editor to be considered for publication.

Once again—a very special thanks to all.