Editorial

Jack D. Gaskill, Editor

Special Issues for 1990

As I indicated in my editorial in the May 1986 issue of *Optical Engineering*, "special issues" have been the backbone of the journal for a great many years. A "special issue" is one in which a majority of the papers are devoted to one or two "special" topics related to the field of optical engineering. In both 1986 and 1987, nine of the 12 journal issues were special issues, and in 1988 there were eight special issues. We currently have seven special issues scheduled for 1989, although that number could vary up or down by one depending on circumstances.

As indicated by the above numbers, our reliance on special issues has diminished over the past two years, and it

may diminish even further in the years to come. There is some good news and some bad news associated with this decreased reliance: the good news is that we are now getting far more high-quality contributed papers than in previous years, but the bad news is that we may be missing opportunities to lead the way in some very important areas in optical engineering.

I am just now in the process of scheduling the special issues for 1990, and again I would like to invite any of you who are interested in being a guest editor for such an issue to let me know your proposed special topic and your qualifications. Or, if you know someone who is working in an area that would be of particular interest to the readership of *Optical Engineering* and who would make a good guest editor, please convey that information to me as well. If you would like to have a rough idea about what is involved, I have outlined the duties of the special issue guest editors in previous editorials (May 1986 and April 1988); if you would like more information than is contained in these editorials, just write or give me a call. I'm looking forward to being inundated with volunteers and/or recommendations.

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March 1989

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April 1989

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May 1989

Industrial Applications of Optical Signal Processing III

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June 1989

Applications of Holography II

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July 1989

Visual Communications and Image Processing

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August 1989

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September 1989

Medical Imaging

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October 1989

Laser-Induced Material Modification

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November 1989

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