2-3 ▼ 7th Intl. Symposium on Metallized Plastics: Fundamental and Applied Aspects, Newark, NJ. R.H. Lacombe, Conf. Chairman, 3 Hammer Dr., Hopewell Junction, NY 12533; 914-227-7026; fax 212-656-1016; e-mail rhlacombe@ compuserve.com; http://mstconf. com/metalola.htm.

6-8 ▼ IEEE Intl. Electron Devices Meeting, Washington, DC. http://ieee.oprg/conference/iedm.

6-8 ▼ Intl. Conf. on Computational Fluid Dynamics in Minerals and Process Industries, *Melbourne, Australia*. P. Schwarz, CSIRO Minerals, Box 312, Clayton South, Victoria 3169, Australia; 613-9545-8500; fax 613-9562-8919; e-mail cfd@minerals.csiro. au; http://www.minerals.csiro.au.

8 ▼ Greater Southwest Implant Users' Group, *San Antonio, TX.* J. Arps, 210-522-6588.

FEBRUARY 2000

7–9 2000 IEEE Intl. Solid-State Circuits Conf., *San Francisco, CA.* D. Suiters; 202-331-2000; e-mail isscc@courtesyassoc.com.

20-24 TMS Annual Meeting, Nashville, 7N. Customer Service Dept., TMS, 420 Commonwealth Dr., Warrendale, PA 15086; 724-776-9000; tax 724-776-3770; e-mail csc@tms.org; http://www. tms.org.

MARCH 2000

5-10 Optical Fiber Communication Conf., *Baltimore, MD.* Optical Society of America, Conf. Services Dept., 2010 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20036-1023; 202-416-1980; fax 202-416-6100; e-mail confserv@osa.org; http://www.osa.org/mtg-conf.

6-8 Polymer Stabilizers and Modifiers Conf., *Hilton Head Island, SC*. Inst. of Materials Science, 75 S. Manheim Blvd., New Paltz, NY 12561; 914-255-0757; fax 914-255-0978; e-maii nainquiry@ims-np.org/narcStab.

20–24 APS 2000 March Meeting, Minneapolis, MN. Meetings Dept., American Physical Society, One Physics Ellipse, College Park, MD 20740-3844; 301-209-3286; http://www.aps.org.

APRIL 2000

2-7 2nd World Congress on Microwave Processing, Orlando, FL. D.E. Clark, Organizing Committee Chair, Dept. of Materials Science and Engineering, 136 MAE, Univ. of Florida, P.O. Box 116400, Gainesville, FL 32611-6400; 352-392-7660; fax 352-846-2033. Endorsed. **3–4** Microscopy of Composite Materials V, *Oxford, UK*. Royal Microscopical Society, 37/38 St. Clements, Oxford OX4 1AJ, UK; 44-1865-248768; fax 44-1865-791237; e-mail meetings@rms. org.uk; http://www.rms.org.uk.

11–13 Intl. Microscopy Conf., London, UK. Royal Microscopical Society, 37/38 St. Clements, Oxford OX4 1AJ, UK; 44-1865-248768; fax 44-1865-791237; e-mail meetings@rms.org.uk; http://www.rms.org.uk.

16–19 6th Intl. Multidisciplinary Conf.: Complexity and Fractals in the Sciences, *Singapore*. http://www.kingston. ac.uk/fractal.

24–28 MRS Spring Meeting, San Francisco, CA. Materials Research Society, 506 Keystone Drive, Warrendale, PA 15086-7573; 724-779-3003; tax 724-779-8313; http://www.mrs.org/. MRS.

MAY 2000

7–12 Conf. on Lasers and Electro-Optics, and Quantum Electronics and Laser Science Conf., San Francisco, CA. Optical Society of America, Conf. Services Dept., 2010 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20036-1023; 202-416-1980; fax 202-416-6100; e-mail confserv@osa.org; http://www.osa.org/mtg-conf.

15–20 6th World Biomaterials Congress, *Kamuela (Big Island), HI.* Society for Biomaterials, 13355 10th Ave. N., Ste. 108, Minneapolis, MN 55441; 612-927-8108: fax 612-927-8127; e-mail biomaterials.org; http://www. biomaterials.org.

22–27 26th Congress on Chemical Engineering, Environmental Protection, and Biotechnology, Frankfurt am Main, Germany. DECHEMA Deutsche Gesellschaft fur Chemisches Apparatewesen, Chemische Technik und Biotechnologie e.V., Th. Scheuring, Germany; 49-69-7564-230; fax 49-69-7564-298; http://www.dechema.de.

28–2 10th Intl. Offshore and Polar Engineering Conf., *Seattle, WA*. Intl. Society of Offshore and Polar Engineers, P.O. Box 1107, Golden, CO 80402-1107; 303-420-8114; fax 303-420-3760.

JULY 2000

17-21 5th Intl. Conf. on Diffusion in Materials, Paris, France. DIMAT 2000, DECM/ SRMP, Bat. 520, CEA/SACLAY, 91191 Gif-sur-Yvette Cedex, France; e-mail dimat2000@cea.fr; www.dimat2000.cea.fr. **30–4** SPIE Annual Meeting, *San Diego, CA*. SPIE, P.O. Box 10, Bellingham, WA 98227-0010; 360-676-3290; fax 360-647-1445; e-mail spie@spie.org; http://www.spie.org.

SEPTEMBER 2000

3–8 Congress of Histochemistry and Cytochemistry, *York, UK.* Royal Microscopical Society, 37/38 St. Clements, Oxford OX4 1AJ, UK; 44-1865-248768; fax 44-1865-791237; e-mail meetings@rms.org.uk; http://www.rms.org.uk.

10–15 Conf. on Lasers and Electro-Optics/Europe, and Intl. Quantum Electronics Conf., *Nice, France*. Optical Society of America, Conf. Services Dept., 2010 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20036-1023; 202-416-1980; fax 202-416-6100; e-mail confserv@osa.org/mtg-conf.

17-22 13th Intl. Conf. on Ion Implantation Technology, *Tyrol, Austria.* IIT 2000, c/o IIS-B, Schottkystrasse 10, 91058 Erlangen, Germany; 49-9131-761-100; fax 49-9131-761-102; e-mail iit2000@iis-b.fhg.de; http://www.mfa.kfki.hu/IIT2000.

OCTOBER 2000

2-6 AVS 47th Intl. Symposium, Boston, MA. American Vacuum Society, 120 Wall St., 32nd Floor, New York, NY 10005-3993; 212-248-0200; fax 212-248-0245; e-mail avsnyc@vacuum.org; http://www.vacuum.org.

20-28 OSA Annual Meeting, Providence, RI. Optical Society of America, Conf. Services Dept., 2010 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20036-1023; 202-416-1980; fax 202-416-6100; e-mail confserv@osa.org; http://www.osa.org/mtg-conf.

NOVEMBER 2000

13–14 ASTM Symposium on Marine Corrosion in Tropical Environments, *Merida, Yucatan, Mexico.* V. Chaker, Port Authority of NY-NJ, One World Trade Ctr., 74W, New York, NY 10048; 212-435-5790; fax 215-435-8040.

27–1 MRS Fall Meeting, Boston, MA. Materials Research Society, 506 Keystone Drive, Warrendale, PA 15086-7573; 724-779-3003; fax 724-779-8313; http://www.mrs.org/.MRS.

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Truly well written research publications do make it into print. When you consider all the steps in the publication process and the impediments each may raise, one must marvel at the result. The many actors in the publication play authors, editors, reviewers, publishers, and readers—do not all read from the same script. Getting the show on the road can therefore be daunting to say the least. Even what seem minor chores and peculiarities of the process can often become show stoppers. Undoubtedly, most readers of *MRS Bulletin* are authors too. You therefore have probably noticed that authoring and publishing can often be as painful as it is rewarding. Below we'll preach a little on the pain.

Writing Wrongs

The Composition Conundrum

It cannot be repeated often enough that at the heart of a good article is an interesting, even fascinating, topic presented in a clear, compelling, and concise exposition. Whether the content is organized historically (with the beginning at the beginning) or axiomatically (with the end at the beginning), the context, criteria, and conclusions must be easily accessible to the intended audience. No matter how important the topic, it will not survive a badly botched composition.

Obvious, right? Unfortunately the one most expert on the topic, the one who has

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