

# Message from the President of the IEEE Magnetics Society

I am taking this opportunity to write for two reasons. First, as a participant in the Symposium on Magnetic Desulfurization of Coal, I would like to compliment the organizers for an exceptional conference. Bringing together, for the first time, all of the active university, industry, and government research and development groups, as well as equipment manufacturers in magnetic separation, is indeed an achievement that has already proved beneficial. As many of you know the IEEE Magnetics Society, which sponsors the INTERMAG Conference, as well as the Conference on Magnetism and Magnetic Materials has also promoted this interdisciplinary approach to conference topics, so essential for the development of many technologies. The growth of interest observed in the magnetism conferences in this well established technology of magnetic separation has been quite spectacular. From one paper in the 1971 Conference on Magnetism and Magnetic Materials, to four papers in the 1973 INTERMAG Conference, to twenty papers and a workshop session in the 1975 INTERMAG in London. Some of the papers from these sessions at the London INTERMAG are published in the September 1975 "Proceedings" issue of the IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON MAGNETICS. These may serve as useful, and readily available, background literature to the Proceedings of this Symposium. In past years there has been very little participation in the INTERMAG or Magnetism and Magnetic Materials Conferences by the established magnetic separation technologists. I sincerely hope that we newcomers may continue to learn from the broad experience and background of those who have been in the field for many years.

The second reason for taking this opportunity to write, is to emphasize the importance of publishing the results of symposia, such as this one, in an archival journal. The IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON MAGNETICS is an archival journal, and is subscribed to by libraries throughout the world. Thus all the papers are included in the major abstract journals and citation indices and are not "lost" in a limited edition book. I strongly urge all those who participate in conferences and symposia to make known to the organizers your feelings regarding the desirability of publication of the Proceedings in archival journals.

—Fred E. Luborsky