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CHANGES INITIATED BY EDITORIAL LEADERSHIP TO ENHANCE APPLIED SPECTROSCOPY

The Editorial Leadership of *Applied Spectroscopy* – Peter Griffiths, Editor-in-Chief; Michael Blades, Editor; and Rebecca Airmet, Managing Editor – have announced several major changes to the journal to better serve SAS and the spectroscopy community. First, free open access will be provided to all Focal Point articles in the journal with no author or page charges. This will provide all of these very important review articles to all researchers. Second, an earlier mailing date, in the middle of the preceding month, will replace the present mailing at the start of the current month, reducing the time for research to be received in print publication. Third, digital object identifiers (DOIs) are now published in the body of all papers. This development allows citation of papers after they are accepted but before print publication. Lastly, the Editorial Leadership has initiated the process of developing Aims and Scope for the journal. The process will be developed jointly by SAS and *Applied Spectroscopy* Leadership with input from SAS members. All SAS members are encouraged to contact the Editors with comments and suggestions on these changes, as well as any other suggestions. More details on these changes are available at <http://www.s-a-s.org/blog/2010/10/13/Applied-Spectroscopy-Moves-Forward/>.



Announcement from the Society for Applied Spectroscopy

Applied Spectroscopy journal Editor-in-Chief Peter R. Griffiths recently communicated his intent to step down as journal editor in June 2012. The Publications and Executive Committees of the Society for Applied Spectroscopy are now seeking qualified applicants for the position of Editor-in-Chief of *Applied Spectroscopy*. The new editor will take over editorial operations in July 2012, being responsible for the content of the journal starting with the September 2012 issue. In addition to being a top scientist in the field of spectroscopy, the individual must be a member in good standing of the Society and must have served at least two years in one of the following capacities or one year each in two of the following capacities: delegate to the Governing Board; regional/technical section officer; journal editorial board member, and/or chair of a Society committee.

The position is a 3-year term. The Editor-in-Chief is responsible for the regular monthly publication of *Applied Spectroscopy* and serves as a non-voting member of the Society Executive Committee.

If you would like to submit a name for consideration, please email it with supporting documentation to Dr. Bruce Chase, Chair of the SAS Publications Committee at exdir@s-a-s.org or mail the information to Dr. Bruce Chase, Chair of the SAS Publications Committee, c/o The Society for Applied Spectroscopy, 5320 Spectrum Drive, Suite C, Frederick, MD 21703.

The deadline for receipt of applications or nominations is July 15, 2011.

January Historical Events in Spectroscopy **by Leopold May, Catholic University**

January 27, 1918



John R. Ferraro, an honorary member of SAS, was born on this day. His research is in infrared and Raman spectroscopy and he served as SAS President in 1965 and Editor-in-Chief of *Applied Spectroscopy* (1968-1974).

January 29, 1838



This is the birthday of Edward Morley who performed ether drift experiments with Albert A. Mickelson.

January 31, 1881



Irving Langmuir, who introduced gas-filled tungsten lamps and the use of atomic hydrogen blowpipe for welding, was born on this day. He invented the condensation pump for producing high vacuum and evolved the electronic theory with Gilbert N. Lewis. He did research on surface chemistry for which he received the Nobel Prize in 1932.

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