

# Editorial

The Society celebrated the most recent of its conferences in Madrid, Spain, on 12–17 September, 1993. All members of the Society will wish to congratulate Spanish colleagues and, in particular, Dr Delgado Mendez, the Third President of the European Ceramic Society, and Professor Duran, President of the Programme Organising committee, for the excellent spirit of this Third Conference and for the high quality of the programme and indeed of its organisation. The meeting was remarkably effective in allowing the participants to encounter work from all branches of the subject of ceramics and, therefore, to gather a full and stimulating impression of the vigour of research activity both in Europe and more widely. The meeting represented a fitting climax to the efforts made during the past two years on behalf of the European Ceramic Society by colleagues in the Spanish Society for Ceramics and Glass.

In accordance with the constitution of the European Ceramic Society, the presidency now passes to another country and I am sure that all members will wish to give the warmest of welcomes to Dr Babini from the Italian Ceramic Society who has taken on this task for the period leading up to the fourth meeting to be held in 1995.

The continued growth of the Society and the increasing range of its interests now make it necessary to build a corresponding organisational structure. In addition therefore to the meetings of the Council which have taken place over the past years, there will now be an executive committee supported by three working groups which will give attention to educational matters, to research matters and to more general matters of Society organisation. The role of the executive committee will be to integrate the full range of the Society's work and to build increasing continuity into its programmes.

All members of the European Ceramic Society will wish the best of success to Dr Babini in his work as President and will look forward to the continued health and growing influence of the society.

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