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## A NOTE FROM THE NEW EDITOR

After six years of dedicated service to the Society of Wood Science and Technology as Editor of *Wood and Fiber Science* (W&FS), Bob Youngs requested that he be relieved from his duties. In its Fall 2000 meeting, the Executive Board of the Society appointed me to the editorship effective July 1, 2001. I enthusiastically accept the responsibilities with a great deal of humility, being familiar with the great job done by my immediate predecessors Bob Youngs, John Siau, Arno Schniewind, Wayne Murphy, Al McGinnes, and others. Theirs are very hard acts to follow.

In the professional section of this issue, Tom Maloney, in his acceptance note as the recipient of the Society's 2001 Distinguished Service Award, summarizes very well the history and development of *Wood and Fiber Science*. After the solution of initial difficulties, the journal, its circulation and its readership, have undergone significant growth. At the present time, W&FS is one of the few prestigious and highly respected journals dedicated to the advancement of knowledge in wood and related sciences. The original readership restricted at the outset to mostly North America

is now highly international. So are the authors of the articles published in the journal, as pointed out by Bob Youngs in his farewell editorial in the previous issue.

My goal is to continue advancing this journal to even higher levels of success, respect, and circulation. I call on all members of the Society and the general readership to support the journal by submitting manuscripts based on research of high levels of original, scientific work. Authors and readers not presently members of SWST should consider joining the Society. As a professional society, SWST provides its members with a lot more than just the journal through its numerous committees such as those on accreditation, various awards, critical issues, public liaison, visiting scientists, international relations, and more. Please also note that members of the Society receive a discount on page charges.

I am looking forward to serving the Society of Wood Science and Technology as editor of *Wood and Fiber Science* for the years to come.

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*Editor*