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FROM THE EDITOR

The autumn season is in its full glory as this issue is being assembled. Hopefully it will be in your hands long before winter appears on the scene. As far as receipt of your copy is concerned, we are not happy with the time it takes to reach many of our subscribers. Certainly if more than a month goes by after the printed cover date (February, May, August and November), feel free to contact Suzanne Ogden, who is the Subscription Manager. Her name and address are listed on the table of contents page. It is especially important to notify her if you were to receive a copy that was improperly paged, or missing pages.

We have two interesting reports on sessions and activities occurring at the 1996 IFLA conference this year, this one taking place in Beijing, China. Two of our members have long been active in IFLA programs and projects. The first account, by Monica Ertel, covers the overall goals of committees as well as the atmosphere of the host city. The second account is written by Wilda Newman, who emphasizes the goals and current projects of the Committee on Information Technology. We are fortunate to have first hand accounts from that far-off region, an area in which tremendous growth is taking place in regard to industry and information activities.

As our last contribution to the year-long celebration of the 50th year of the existence of *Sci-Tech News*, we have reproduced a copy of the first page of what was the first issue, although for a

year or two it bore the rather unique title of *Ye Alchemical Libraries Almanack, being the Bulletin of the Science-Technology Group*, dated September 1946. Another phase of the celebration is the comparison of prices in 1946 and 1996, prepared by the Sci-Tech Division's Archivist, Janet Hughes. Her research revealed some interesting comparisons. How nice it would be to buy a new car for a mere \$1200 or a quart of milk for less than a quarter!

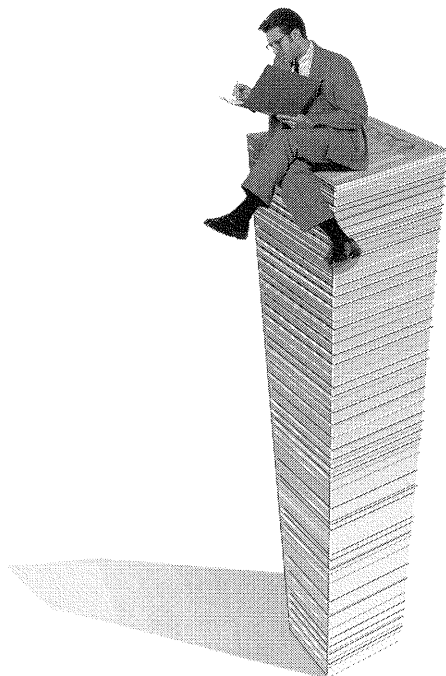
If you feel a more legalistic tone to this issue than normal, it's because both the Metals/Materials and Sci-Tech Divisions have their by-laws printed in this issue.

At the time of this writing, no final moves have been made in the future status of the Nuclear Science Division, although members of the Aerospace Division have apparently voted to become a section within the Engineering Division. Under whatever arrangements come into being, we stand ready to serve all sci-tech oriented divisions interested in being covered by *Sci-Tech News*.

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