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From the Editor

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2007 marks the beginning of my third year as SciTech News (STN) Editor. I continue to appreciate the wealth of information included in this publication. And I have to admit that having it in one handy print volume is convenient. I hope our readers appreciate the ability to learn what our sister Divisions are doing, and I know that they receive value from columns such as the Web Reviews, New Journals, and SciTech Book News.

I'm also very pleased to be publishing the Beyond the Chemistry Web column. I always find something intriguing there. Checking on all the URLs in each column as I edit definitely gives me some interesting moments. Speaking of getting distracted, while confirming the Caltech Archives URL in Diane Brenes' Web Reviews column this issue, I followed the trail of numerous photos of Richard Feynman, reliving his illustrious career. It must have been a joy to be in his classroom, he was such an exuberant instructor! You must also check out the other URLs in her column, if only to see that glorious HubbleSite Gallery homepage. It's times like these that I really regret that we do not have a color publication.

When I mention to readers that I am the interim selector for the SciTech Book News section, I am repeatedly told how helpful that section is for collection development. That must be one reason why we have over 100 subscribers outside of the SLA membership, including some of the major research libraries throughout the world. Selecting 100 titles from hundreds of items takes a bit of time, and I now even more appreciate the contribution made by Ellis Mount in this regard for many years. I would like to rotate this "opportunity" among our Divisions/Sections, in order to be sure that different disciplines and subjects are well-represented. If you are interested in being a selector please let me know and I will provide more details about the process.

You will notice that I have included the International Membership Award announcement from the PAM Division in this issue. I know there is a lot of crossover membership with that Division among our members, and thought in any case that the information would be of interest to others. Remember that any SLA member can belong to most Lists. The SLA Discussion List page can be found at <http://www.sla.org/content/community/lists/index.cfm>. There are many opportunities to learn about what other Divisions, Chapters, Committees and Caucuses are discussing. Also in this issue, Christina Pikas has provided an excerpt from the Discussion List page on some features of the updated software.

I would like once again to encourage any of you fledgling or experienced writers to contact me regarding a potential article or regular column. Remember that we were once indexed by Inspec and may be so again, and H.W. Wilson and EBSCO are current subscribers to STN.

Finally, welcome to all our new Division and Section leaders. It will be interesting to see how the new leadership year evolves, from initial board meetings at the Winter Leadership Summit, to program planning and decisions for local chapters. Many exciting programs for the 2007 Annual Conference in Denver are announced in the Chair messages. See my consolidated list to whet your appetite even further. By the time you receive this issue a preliminary conference program and planner should be available at the SLA conference site. Also, check out the Division sites for more information.

Hope to see you in Denver in June.❖

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