

## Introduction

This issue contains 14 papers, the first six of which are from the 5th IUMRS International Conference on Advanced Materials held in Beijing, China, in 1999. The 5th IUMRS International Conference was organized by the International Union of Materials Research Societies. This very large meeting, with 36 parallel sessions, had a special Symposium P on Display Materials. The local organizers of Symposium P were Professors Xurong Xu of Northern Jiaotong University and Hongjin Gao of Chinghua University, both universities located in Beijing. The overseas co-chairs of Symposium P were then SID President Dr. Anthony Lowe, who was employed by IBM (and has since retired) in Greenock, Scotland, and Professor Christopher Summers of Georgia Tech. The symposium program featured 52 oral presentations and 132 poster papers. Five of the six papers that are included in this issue of the *JSID* will provide the international display community with information about the state of the art of R&D in the Peoples Republic of China in 1999. These five papers were edited only with respect to their intelligibility in English. It is our hope that in the fu-

ture the *Journal* will receive an increasing number of technical papers originating in the Peoples Republic of China and that these contributed papers will then go through the normal technical review and editing that is managed by the Associate Editors and Special Issue Editors of the *Journal*.

The remaining eight contributed papers in this issue cover a wide range of topics. One paper deals with color appearance matching between CRT images and printed originals, which is a primary topic of the annual Color Imaging Conference sponsored jointly by the SID and the IS&T. CRT, FED, and LCD devices and materials are the topics of five other papers. The last paper describes the state of the art of video-display-format conversion. The appropriate Associate Editors handled all these eight papers, which were reviewed and edited according to the normal processes of the *Journal*.

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