

## EDITORIAL

I am very glad that the first issue of 1996 is being published on time during the first week of February 1996. The delays caused in the publication of the journal during the second half of 1995 is very much regretted. I sincerely hope that there will be no such delays in future.

The journal has been gradually growing in size. During 1995 the printed pages of the journal has grown to 1052. The impact factor of the journal has also been improving. Our scientists have started taking advantage of the new section on 'Rapid Communications' in BMS to publish their scientific results quickly. This issue contains a special section on 'Hydrogen in materials' in addition to regular articles.

On behalf of the Editorial Board I take the opportunity to wish all the authors, referees and readers of the journal a very happy new year.

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*Editor*