The Letter from the Editor

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This year the Editor-in-Chief of KONA, Prof. Tsuji, suggested that the regional editorial boards contribute to writing the preface on a rota basis. As the Chairman of the Editorial Board for Europe and Africa, I have the privilege and honour to write the first letter in the new form.

KONA is now fully archival! It was registered last year with Thompson-Reuter, an achievement that has delighted the members of the three Editorial Boards and of course the contributors. KONA is a unique journal, as the contributions are solicited from leading researchers worldwide, providing a well-balanced coverage of the new developments in science and technology of powders and particle systems. It is published and distributed widely by Hosokawa Powder Technology Foundation. This provides an invaluable conduit for rapid knowledge transfer from the contributors to academic and industrial communities worldwide; and now with the newly acquired 'impact factor', it is hoped that its profile is further enhanced.

It has been a tough year for industry due to world recession, and it is a great relief that KONA has been protected from the upheavals by the Hosokawa Pow-

der Technology Foundation. The foundation operates completely independently from the Hosokawa Corporation, and has a charitable status which has been approved by the Japan government.

I would like to use this opportunity to convey a message from the Editor-in-Chief on a number of important changes in the content of the journal. From this issue onwards (No.27, 2009), the content of other Japanese journals in this field will no longer be listed, as it was found that the time to do it was so short that it was almost impossible to meet the printing deadline, and postponing it to the following year was too late. Another important change relates to the publication of selected papers translated from Japanese. Nowadays, Japanese researchers widely publish their work in archival journals in the English language, circumventing the market interest in translation. Furthermore, translation may not always accurately express the original intended views of the authors. It has therefore been decided not to publish translated papers from this issue onward.

Finally, the Editorial Boards welcome proposals for topics, papers and any comments the readers may have, as we wish to make the journal a 'must have' on desks of researchers in powders and particles as well on the shelves of libraries.

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