

Establishment of the Institute of Pure and Applied Physics

We wish to announce the establishment of a new organization, the Institute of Pure and Applied Physics (IPAP), that takes over the publication of the *Japanese Journal of Applied Physics (JJAP)* effective April 1, 2000.

Since its founding in 1962, *JJAP* has been published by the Publication Office of Japanese Journal of Applied Physics that was jointly created by the Japan Society of Applied Physics (JSAP) and the Physical Society of Japan (JPS). Under close cooperation between JSAP and JPS, *JJAP* has evolved into an internationally respected research journal with the third highest number of citations (1998) among international periodicals in applied physics. To continue this success and further improve our service to scientific and engineering communities, it has become essential to reorganize the Publication Office of *JJAP*, particularly to deal with the recent development in electronic publishing.

The Institute of Pure and Applied Physics is established not only to extend the current activities of the Publication Office of *JJAP*, but also with a more ambitious goal of creating a world-class publisher for dissemination of scientific and engineering information. IPAP plans to serve as the publisher for other physics related research journals, initially including *Journal of the Physical Society of Japan*, *Progress of Theoretical Physics*, and *Optical Review*. It is hoped that the new expanded services provided by IPAP will enhance the international opportunities for speedy and effective communication of research results, particularly in the Asia-Pacific region.

Hitherto, JSAP was responsible for editing *JJAP Part 1*, while JSAP and JPS took joint responsibility for editing *JJAP Part 2*. Under the new arrangement with IPAP effective April 1, 2000, JSAP will be responsible for these two Parts of *JJAP* and publish it through IPAP. The Publication Office of *JJAP* previously held the copyright of *JJAP*. The copyright for all future issues will be vested in JSAP. On the other hand the copyright for the past issues will be transferred to IPAP. Any future inquiry on *JJAP* including copyright issues should be directed to the IPAP.

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