

Dear Colleague:

It gives me great pleasure to introduce the current issue of CACHE News to you. It contains several thoughtful, timely, and valuable articles written by some of the distinguished members of our profession for everyone's benefit. Building on its nearly 35 years of excellence in serving the chemical engineering community, CACHE continues to serve with several exciting new initiatives. Of particular importance are the task forces in the areas of systems biology, computational fluid dynamics and software engineering in addition to ongoing efforts such as the molecular modeling activity. You will learn more about these initiatives in these pages in the current as well as future issues. We are also very pleased with the success of the FOCAPO 2003 conference organized by Professor Ignacio Grossmann of Carnegie Mellon University and Dr. Conor McDonald of DuPont earlier this year. We are eagerly looking forward to the FOMMS 2003 conference in a couple of months in Colorado. This is the second one in this series and all indications point to a very successful event in the making. There is more as described in the conferences section. These conferences are extremely important for our profession as they bring leaders in various areas together from all over the world to make a status assessment and set the directions for the immediate future in research, education and engagement with the industry.

Thus, CACHE continues to serve our profession in many different ways. On behalf of the organization I thank you and your institution for your continued support.

Best regards,

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