

Comments from the Editor

This issue highlights a number of recent activities of interest to the chemical engineering computing community, both in education and research. A CACHE Task Force led by Warren Seider has developed an up-to-date guide for teaching process and product design, with many contributors. This will be kept up to date on the new CACHE website, which premiered in July, 2011. New features for our leading software product POLYMATH are announced here, and we also pause to reflect on the many contributions of David M. Himmelblau, a long-standing trustee and officer of CACHE Corporation, who passed away in April, 2011. In addition to his biosketch, we include many tributes from his colleagues around the world.

Former CACHE trustees Ignacio Grossmann and Venkat Venkatasubramanian have contributed PSE articles of interest and the winners of two awards sponsored by CACHE are announced. Three CACHE conferences will be held in 2012 (FOCAPO/CPC/FOMMS) and pertinent information is included. Selected presentations from the CAST Division sessions at the AIChE Annual Meeting are linked in this issue. A report on the NSF project on Smart Manufacturing carried out under the CACHE umbrella and a news release and report recently issued by the Smart Manufacturing Leadership Coalition led by two CACHE trustees (Jim Davis and Tom Edgar) follows. Finally a set of computing-related articles published recently in *Chemical Engineering Education* are reprinted in this issue. All in all, it is a very full issue of CACHE News.