EDITOR'S NOTE

The 1150-paper Proceedings that you are reading was the work of many hands. As the nominal conference editor, I am deeply aware of how much I owe to others, so besides the people named by conference chair Bob Siemann, I would like to particularly thank my editorial team.

Sara Webber not only brought diligence and skill to our editorial and publication functions *per se* but also proved to be an invaluable reservoir of the PAC 2001 knowledge base, advising and training us on paper reception, the final planning meeting of the Program Committee, and other key behind-the-scenes tasks. She moved on to another assignment after the end of our conference but continues to give us key assistance at the culmination of the editorial process. Her Fermilab colleague and PAC 2001 co-editor Peter Lucas stepped forward to lead the large effort involved in turning so many manuscripts into well-organized and professional-looking books and CDs, with assistance through the summer from Alison Lavis and Alicia Seifrid. Sara and Peter have truly been my co-editors in this endeavor, which it has been my good fortune to "lead" by figuring out where they were going and attempting to keep up.

The conference also owes a tremendous debt of gratitude to their fellow members of the Joint Accelerator Conferences Website group (JACoW, described at http://accelconf.web.cern.ch/AccelConf/index.html). For several years now, JACoW has promulgated standards, provided common resources, and hosted online proceedings for several of the major particle-accelerator conferences. What's more, a dozen or so members of this worldwide group travel to each conference – no small favor on the part of either themselves or their home institutions. Their services let us perform most of the editing (by which we primarily mean compliance checking and format normalization rather than language editing) and a fair bit of the quality assurance in real time. Editing *during* the conference is by far the best approach, since most problems are minor and can be either resolved by consultation with the author or easily remedied using the bank of computers provided.

The JACoW editors bring us vast experience in both the subject matter and the technical aspects of turning out papers of uniform and high-quality appearance—a considerable task, as the manuscripts originated in either of two very different programs, Word and LaTeX, on any of several combinations of hardware and operating system, and then pass through two or three other programs before completion. Working with these people has been only a fine professional experience but a pleasure.

So besides Sara and Peter, thanks are due to Jan Chrin (PSI); Martin Comyn (TRIUMF); Cathy Eyberger (Argonne); Charlie Horak (Oak Ridge), my successor for PAC 2005; Leif Liljeby (MSL); Michaela Marx (DESY); Christine Petit-Jean-Genaz and John Poole (CERN); and Toshiya Tanabe (RIKEN). I benefitted greatly from the help, appreciated the lengths they went to in order to provide it, and hope to reciprocate in future JACoW endeavors.

JACoW provides technical services too, notably an interactive database for accepting and managing abstracts and manuscripts. This database in its present form is largely the work of Matt Arena at Fermilab (who has meanwhile been developing its next-generation replacement) and was operated by Vik Bhatia and his staff at Berkeley Lab. Jeff Patton of Oak Ridge, who will be handling the database at PAC 2005, studied the operation and discovered a talent for editing as well.

Data connections between the conference venue and the manuscript and registration servers at the sponsoring laboratories (hundreds of miles away in our case) are crucial to these conferences. Fortunately, on the other end of my walkie-talkie was network engineer John Christman, who came with years of expertise; a van-load of everything we knew we'd need and a few things we ended up being glad he'd brought anyway; and complete unflappability when we needed more cables than originally planned or had to isolate a faulty piece of someone else's equipment in parts of a hotel even Arthur Hailey wouldn't know about. In the user area, Tom Gallant, along with Matt, put a friendly face on technical competence, helping hundreds of people through the trials of performing difficult tasks on unfamiliar computers.

Finally, no list of unsung heroes of the program side of the conference would be complete without the administrative staff at the conference and back home at Berkeley who showed such a combination of efficiency and courtesy throughout the planning and execution phases: Kymba A'Hearn, Martha Condon, Kathleen Erickson-Weber, Anna Smith, and Cathy Vanecek, under the leadership of program-committee administrator Joy Kono. Even at those moments when it must have seemed like keeping a pile of leaves organized in a tornado, they not only did a good job but took it all in stride.

Thanks, good work, and 'til next time, everyone.

Joe Chew
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