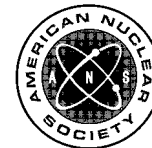


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Fusion Science and Technology (FS&T) is pleased to continue the tradition of publishing selected full-length papers from the Target Fabrication Meetings (TFMs). The Nineteenth TFM was held in Orlando, Florida, February 21–26, 2010. There were more than 130 papers presented at the meeting, and after peer review, 43 full-length papers are included in this *FS&T* special issue.

The TFMs provide an important international forum for scientists and engineers engaged in the development and fabrication of targets for experiments on large laser and pulsed-power facilities. Dr. David Harding served as chair/scientific coordinator, and the conference organizer was Ms. Jean Steve, both of the University of Rochester Laboratory for Laser Energetics. Our appreciation goes to Dr. Harding and Ms. Steve for their assistance with the publication of the papers. Once again, Dr. Robert Cook, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (retired), served as the guest editor and has done an outstanding job in interfacing with the authors and reviewers of the papers to put this collection together. This was Dr. Cook's fifth guest editorship with the TFM series published in *FS&T*. We are deeply indebted to him for his tireless help and dedication.

The *FS&T* tradition of publishing TFM papers started with the 10th TFM meeting. For prior special issues, see former *Fusion Technology* issues, Vols. 28, 31, 34, and 38; and *FS&T* issues, Vol. 41, No. 3, 2002; Vol. 45, No. 3, 2004; Vol. 49, No. 4, 2006; Vol. 51, No. 4, 2007; and Vol. 55, Nos. 3 and 4, 2009.

We congratulate the 2010 Larry Foreman Award winner, Dr. Diana Schroen, of General Atomics, for her target production and development efforts. The award was presented at the meeting and marks the seventh occasion of this award.

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