

COMMENTS



As brought out in the following comments by Drs. Ehud Greenspan, John Perkins, and Romano Toschi, it seems most appropriate that this special issue of *Fusion Technology (FT)* is devoted to the Next European Torus (NET). Not only is the work on the conceptual design of NET extensive, but interest in the concept of an engineering test reactor is rapidly increasing as signified by the start of an international collaboration on the International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor. I feel confident that the readers of *FT* will find this to be a most important and interesting issue.

Many people contributed to the planning and preparation of this issue. Dr. Ehud Greenspan (Atomic Energy Commission, Israel) first proposed the concept of a special issue on NET and was instrumental in initiating and planning the project. He assumed the role of guest editor for the issue and provided coordination throughout the process. Dr. John Perkins (Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory) coordinated the review process in a timely and efficient manner. Of course, the support and encouragement given by Dr. Romano Toschi, NET Team Leader, and his staff were instrumental to the success of the effort. His enthusiasm and encouragement kept everyone going at times when progress seemed to slow down. Dr. F. Engelmann also made a most important contribution by working with various authors to organize the papers. Of course, the hard work and enthusiasm given by the authors themselves were essential elements in making this issue possible. Last, but not least, the reviewers deserve much credit for working hard under especially tight deadlines.

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