

In Honor of Dr. Nermin A. Uckan

With the publication of this issue of *Fusion Science and Technology (FST)*, the baton has been passed. New to the *FST* technical editor role is Dr. Leigh Winfrey of the University of Florida. I look forward to working with Dr. Winfrey and to continued success for *FST*. Dr. Winfrey takes over for Dr. Nermin Uckan, who has left the position after 17 years of unending dedication to the journal.

I have always admired and appreciated Nermin's passion for keeping *FST* a high-quality source for the latest in fusion research. She was a demanding leader who shaped the journal into the successful publication that it is today. Always striving for improvement, Nermin led the way in supporting modern publishing practices adopted by the American Nuclear Society (ANS) journals in the past decade, such as the digitization of our archives, our adoption of digital object identifiers (DOIs), and the online publication of preprints, among other things. Nermin has always spoken her mind, advocating for the betterment of her journal and ANS's publications as a whole. So dedicated, she has always been available to communicate, regardless of the time of day, day of week, or her physical place in the world (as she is a frequent traveler, often overseas). I will miss Nermin's involvement in *FST* and her support of the ANS journals at large. She has left an outstanding legacy, something for which I am thankful.

What follows are words from Dr. Uckan's colleagues, who have worked with her and know her well.

Rick Michal
Director of Scientific Publications, American Nuclear Society

Nermin has been a valued colleague and was an important editorial mentor for me when I moved into the role of Editor for *Nuclear Technology*. Her guidance and my observations of her editorial rigor have been influential in shaping my own editorial style. Her 17 years of dedicated leadership and service as the Editor of *Fusion Science and Technology* were instrumental in establishing *FST* as a leading peer-reviewed journal for the American Nuclear Society.

Andrew Klein
Editor, *Nuclear Technology*
Immediate Past President, American Nuclear Society

I worked with Dr. Uckan for several years when I served as member, then Vice Chair, and eventually Chair of the ANS Technical Journals Committee. I was always impressed by the amount of energy Nermin brought into the room, and how well prepared she always was when questions arose about her report or on the general state of *FST*. Nermin's extensive network in the fusion energy field is impressive, and I credit her personal relations with members of this community with the significant expansion of the journal under her capable editorship. One thing I particularly valued in working with Nermin is her sound judgment and her ability to convey her point of view on controversial issues in a clear manner that frequently shortened

seemingly endless discussions. Dr. Uckan has made an indelible mark on *FST* that will continue to benefit the journal's constituency for years to come.

Yousry Y. Azmy
Former Chair, ANS Technical Journals Committee

As someone who has an office down the hall from Nermin at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, I get to see her legendary diligence firsthand. Whenever there would be a task that she was committed to do, you didn't have to worry about it—you knew that it would get done to exacting standards. Even tasks that she didn't ask for, but that fell to her because of circumstances outside of her control, were done well, thoroughly, and completely. Nermin has had high expectations of others, but never higher than she had for herself. The *FST* journal is strong today in large measure because of the sheer force of her passion. Not only the journal, but the fusion technology community, and the American Nuclear Society, are in a better place because of her efforts. We all owe Nermin our thanks.

Arnold Lumsdaine
Chair, ANS Fusion Energy Division