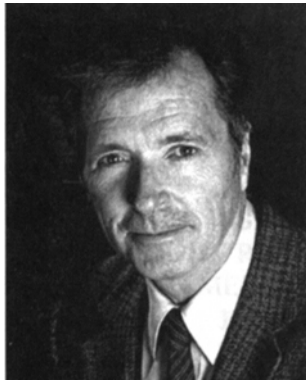


COMMENTS



The editorial staff of *Fusion Technology (FT)* is pleased to continue the tradition of publishing the proceedings from the American Nuclear Society's (ANS's) topical meetings on the technology of fusion energy. The Thirteenth Topical on The Technology of Fusion Energy was held in Nashville, Tennessee as an embedded topical meeting during the Annual ANS meeting. Despite concerns about the reduced funding for fusion research, this topical was well attended, with more than 200 presentations and many lively interchanges. The topical organizers, Tom Shannon, John Haines, Mohamed Bourham, and John Davis (representing the ANS Fusion Energy Division) are to be congratulated for an outstanding job in organizing the meeting.

As has been done in the past, papers submitted for this proceedings were reviewed prior to acceptance. John Haines played a key role in the process, which involved many of the session chairs who in turn identified experts in the areas involved to perform the reviews. Indeed, while viewing a poster session, I was approached to do a review myself. I am sure other attendees had similar experiences. I am impressed that to my knowledge, while this process is less formal than that used for "conventional" papers submitted to *FT*, the reviewers generally took the responsibility quite seriously and did a thorough job. This is important for the profession. Not only does careful review maintain the high quality of *FT* but also the quality of the topical presentations themselves are enhanced because of the extra effort authors devote to the preparation of the papers. We look forward to continuing this process for the next topical. Again, our deep thanks are extended to the organizing committee for their assistance, to the reviewers for their extra effort, and finally to the authors whose work made it all possible.

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