EDITORIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

From its inception in 1970, *Physical Review B* carried the subtitle ‘‘Solid State’’ as a general description of its contents, since that was what most ‘‘many-atom’’ physicists did in those days. Several years later, in conjunction with the change made by the Division of Solid State Physics to its current name, the Division of Condensed Matter Physics (DCMP), the subtitle name of the journal was changed to ‘‘Condensed Matter.’’ The intention, of course, was to give the journal a title which reflected what was being published between its covers.

The subject matter of papers published in the journal has continued to evolve as the interests and activities of its authors and readers have changed. In particular, there is now a much greater emphasis on materials physics than there was just a few years ago. Other areas have also grown or shrunk and will continue to fluctuate but the field of materials physics has clearly become well established in Phys. Rev. B.

In recognition of this trend, the descriptive title of the journal has been amended to read: ‘‘Condensed Matter and Materials Physics.’’ This change should not be regarded as a superficial one. Rather, it is an acknowledgment of the real, and growing, importance of materials physics to the physics community.

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