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The field of cluster science is still expanding and in many laboratories new and exciting studies are being performed or planned for the near future. During the past years it has become evident that tremendous efforts will be necessary in order to bridge the gap between the atomic and molecular physics of small isolated objects and large aggregates and, finally, matter in the solid state. Many exciting studies in this field are therefore to be expected and numerous applications will emerge.

Thus the decision of **Zeitschrift für Physik D** to be the first traditional journal to include this exploding field as one of its major centers of focus has proved to be right. To strengthen this new focus we have expanded our editorial board and are now very fortunate to be able to announce that two distinguished pioneers of cluster science have agreed to become editors of **Zeitschrift für Physik D**: *A. Welford Castleman* (Pennsylvania State University) and *Joshua Jortner* (Tel Aviv University) will support the future growth and development of the journal with their experience and expertise. Please send your contribution directly to them or to any of the editors to whom you feel scientifically most related.

I. V. Hertel

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