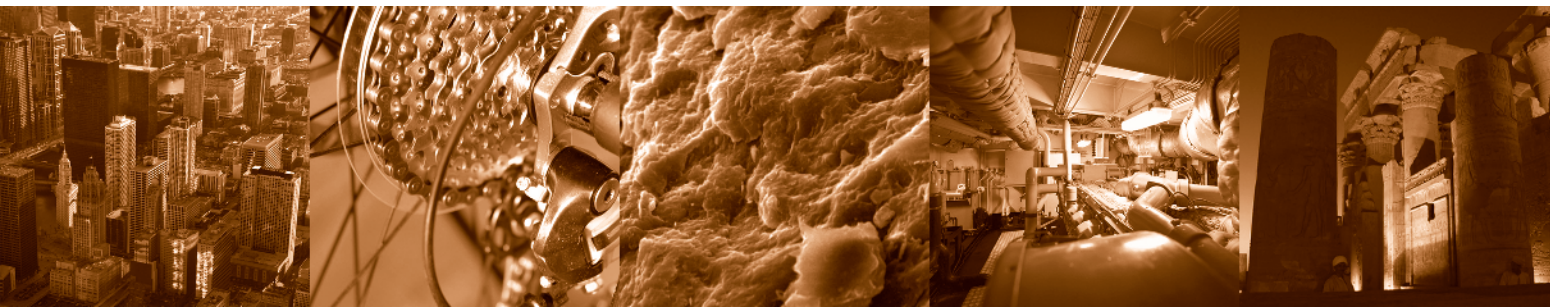




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### DR. ALI A. TREKI

#### President of the Sixty-Fourth Session of the UN General Assembly

“The UN has a unique legitimacy to play an active role in international peace and security. There has been broad support for the United Nations role in peacekeeping, peace-building, conflict prevention, mediation, and protection of civilians. Disarmament remains a clear priority for Member States. There is also widely shared concern about the proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction, as a threat to international peace and security. We have heard passionate calls for a world free of nuclear arms. I am encouraged by the willingness of Member States to engage constructively with the Review Conference of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. Let us all work together to ensure equal security for all. Member States were unanimous in their view that peace and security was intricately linked to sustainable development. There is broad agreement on the need for collective response to the unprecedented global financial crisis. People in developing countries have been hit particularly hard by the financial and economic crisis, which has exacerbated unemployment, poverty, hunger and insecurity.”

On the Closing of the General Debate of the UN General Assembly in New York, USA, 29<sup>th</sup> September 2009.



# Editorial

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"100 at 65" at the 240<sup>th</sup> meeting of the American Chemical Society held in Boston Massachusetts on 22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> August 2010 the 65<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Materials Science and Technology Conferences director – Dr Kash Mittal and his 100<sup>th</sup> edited volume was celebrated. Thus the slightly cryptic 100 at 65 in the subject line. At the 240<sup>th</sup> meeting of the American Chemical Society all 71 papers were presented in 9 different sessions covering a wide range of topics ranging from "Interfaces and Adhesion" to "Dental and Medical Adhesion". The presenters hailed from all over the globe and included the majority of Kash's close friends and colleagues with whom he has been interacting over the last 35 years starting in 1975. Curiously enough his first volume also dealt with an American Chemical Society meeting on "Adsorption at Interfaces" held in Los Angeles in April 1974 in honour of Dr Kash Mittal's thesis advisor – Dr. Robert D. Vold. Dr Kash Mittal was a man of the library keeping track on all the latest developments in adhesion and materials processing going on in universities, companies and research institutes world wide. A prime example of Dr Kash Mittal's activities was the organization and documentation of a 3-day international symposium on polyimides and other high temperature polymers held in November 1982 in Ellenville, New York under the auspices of the Society for Plastics Engineers. About 69 technical papers were given at this symposium by 130 authors from all over the globe. Dr Kash Mittal documented the entire meeting in a two volume work which still stands as the first and most authoritative single publication on this topic. It was certainly clear by 1982 that Dr Kash Mittal had found his calling as an eminent chronicler of materials science in general and adhesion and surface science in particular. Dr Kash Mittal's books cover 4 separate and very different subjects including surfactants in solution, high temperature polymers, surface science and adhesion, and surface contamination and cleaning. Dr. Kash Mittal is an internationally recognized authority in the area of surface and interface technology. Dr Kash Mittal has received many awards and honours from scientific and technical societies and was recognized for his contributions by the worldwide adhesion community by organizing the 1<sup>st</sup> International Congress on Adhesion Science and Technology in his honour on his 50<sup>th</sup> birthday in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> October 1995. More recently, he was honoured by the global surfactant community by inaugurating the Kash Mittal Award in the surfactant field in his honour for his large efforts and significant contribution to the field of



colloid and interface chemistry. Dr Kash Mittal is currently engaged in consulting and giving courses in adhesion science and technology worldwide. In his current position he is seeking to provide a focal point for his broad expertise and organisational skills as a service to the academic and technical community worldwide by providing symposia and courses on the latest cutting edge developments in materials and interface science.

A described profile and events are a very good example how the scientific community can and even should honour its best representatives. I join in the wish that Dr Mittal received on the occasion of a kind of jubilee "100 at 65". We wish PT readers, and especially PT authors of our AMSE journal that after many years of their work they have also a wonderful fraction of a number of publications, a number of patents, a number of industrial implementations or the number of promoted doctors. For now we hand them another Issue of our journal. I have no doubt that it will be interesting and worth reading.



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