



## ANNOUNCEMENT

### *SOL-GEL PRODUCTS NEWS*

#### CALL FOR NEWS ITEMS

Kluwer Academic Publishers is pleased to announce the addition of a newsletter section to the *Journal of Sol-Gel Science and Technology (JSST)*. This regular feature, *Sol-Gel Products News*, will provide industry news on developments and applications of sol-gel science and technology.

Sol-gel processes provide some excellent methods for the manufacture of a number of materials. Ceramics, glasses, nanocomposites and hybrids can all be produced from solutions; either in bulk, coating films, fibers or powders, without relying on conventional powder processing techniques. In recent decades, research into sol-gel science and technology has increased dramatically and as a result there are many sol-gel products available for industrial use today.

However, although there are a large number of industrial products currently available, not to mention huge potential for further applications, there has been little publicity regarding sol-gel science and technology. The result is that many individuals working in the field are not even aware of some of the products that already exist. This is largely because until *Sol-Gel Products News*, there has been no forum for the discussion of industrial developments. The fact that there is no professional society representing the sol-gel community exacerbates the problem and it is clear that a regular publication covering what kind of materials are being made, who is making them, and what novel applications of sol-gel products are being developed, is long overdue.

Addressing this situation, the editorial board of *JSST* and Kluwer Academic Publishers are launching *Sol-Gel Products News*, as part of *JSST*. Each issue of this newsletter will consist of a few pages dedicated to reporting the latest commercial developments of sol-gel products, published as a regular feature in each issue of *JSST*.

Kluwer Academic Publishers invites anyone with an interest to contribute to *Sol-Gel Products News*. We would welcome any news items on sol-gel products that are either already available or that are under development, as well as reports of novel applications which may lead to industrial products. Providing a regular forum in which individuals from all corners of the sol-gel community can find out about developments throughout the industry, *Sol-Gel Products News* is a unique new publication that facilitates an open discussion of all the commercial developments in this important field.

If you have any interesting news items concerning sol-gel products we would be very grateful if you would submit them for publication in *Sol-Gel Products News*. Instructions for contributors are given below.

#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR CONTRIBUTORS

1. Subjects covered by *Sol-Gel Products News* are sol-gel products that already exist as well as those under development. In addition, reports on new applications are also encouraged.
2. Please provide a headline or title for your piece. This may simply be the name of the product if necessary.
3. Any relevant figures, tables or photographs can be included. (Please note photographs will be reproduced in black and white only)
4. Please limit new items to approximately 500 words.
5. Additional information required. (a) Name of the author, (b) Name of the organization, (c) contact person, and (d) contact details (address, telephone, Fax, E-mail).

6. The Editor (Editor-in-Chief of *JSST*) reserves the right to reject or edit any news items.
7. Please submit all news items to:

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