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This issue of *Materials Research* contains articles selected from regular submissions in the period 2006-2007, and a number of papers related to biomaterials that were carefully selected from hundreds presented at the 4th COLAOB (Latin American Congress of Artificial Organs and Biomaterials) held in Caxambú, MG, Brazil, on August 2006, as well as at the 17th CBECIMAT (Brazilian Congress of Materials Science and Engineering) held in Iguacu Falls, Brazil, on November 2006. The review process for all these papers was done via internet: papers submitted in electronic format were e-mailed to two referees each and the review reports were received by e-mail. All the procedures necessary to assemble the present issue were thus carried out via e-mail. We are still testing a software interface for on-line submission, evaluation and manuscript follow-up which, hopefully, will significantly improve the interaction of authors and referees with the editors.

Dozens of regular articles are being reviewed at present. The selection process of several other papers presented at the 17th CBECIMAT is also underway. From 110 submitted papers, 56 were pre-qualified by the CBECIMAT technical committee and are now undergoing a regular review process. Articles presented at the annual meeting of the Associação Brasileira de Metalurgia e Materiais (ABM) in 2006 are also under evaluation.

We should emphasize once more that we do not publish conference proceedings; instead we judiciously select papers presented at different conferences, which are viewed by our team as important sources of articles for thematic or regular issues. Pre-selected conference papers are analyzed by two referees of *Materials Research* using the same criteria applied for the regular papers.

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