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It is with unabashed pride that the Editor forwards the Proceedings of this the third Particle Accelerator Conference to the publisher -- pride in the vast amount of work so well done by others. The author index indicates that the volume represents the creative efforts of 543 scientists and engineers. The nearly 300 papers report work completed or in progress at 44 laboratories in USA and at 27 laboratories in 10 other countries. The greater effort required for preparing the English language manuscript in many of the latter must be acknowledged.

There is pride also in the high standards of reporting achieved in this volume. It is evident that most of the contributing laboratories now provide their authors with the skilled technical assistance that is required to maintain uniform standards of usage, to present a pleasing appearance, and to tighten up the report within page limitations. In this last respect, it is only with the cooperation of the authors and their technical publication services that we have been able to publish over 30 additional contributed papers without increasing the size of the volume.

The prompt publication of the Proceedings is also a source of pride. Again, this has been made possible by the usually prompt submission of manuscripts in such excellent condition as to ease the work of both the editor and the publisher.

The uniformly high technical quality of the papers is a credit to the Program Committee and to the authors, usually assisted by their own local review committees. The rather large and broadly representative Program Committee selected the authors for the invited papers with great care. Also, they painstakingly reviewed and selectively evaluated the 316 abstracts contributed for PAC-69; the offerings had increased markedly from 214 for PAC-65 and 224 for PAC-67.

The Editor was fortunate in being able to work with the Program Committee from the beginning; this greatly facilitated his work in compiling the Proceedings.

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