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PREFACE

THIS issue marks the conversion of *Clays and Clay Minerals* from an annual Proceedings Volume to a bi-monthly journal. The preceding fifteen volumes primarily contained papers presented at the annual Clay Minerals Conferences, sponsored from 1952 through 1963 by an Interdivisional Committee on Clay Minerals within the National Academy of Sciences – National Research Council and, since 1963, by The Clay Minerals Society. The bi-monthly journal will now be the official publication of The Clay Minerals Society. The change in format will allow an increased number of manuscripts to be published and is an indication of the growing vigor of the new Society. Manuscripts in the future will be welcome from all sources and will not be restricted to papers presented at meetings of the Society.

The numbering of the journal volumes will be in sequence with those of the preceding annual Proceedings Volumes. It is recommended that librarians number and file all volumes within a single sequence. It is also recommended that in citing references to articles in previous volumes future authors use the annual Clay Minerals Conference number as the volume number. The volume number listed within the Earth Science Series of Pergamon Press for Clay Conferences 6–15 should not be used. Additional details as to the publisher can be listed in brackets, if desired by the author, but are not considered desirable beyond a transition period of three years. The date of the volume should be listed as that of the publication rather than that of the Conference.

Clay science and technology embrace a wide range of disciplines, both basic and applied. Despite their diverse backgrounds and their special interests and objectives, workers in clay mineralogy have a common interest in the structures, properties, origins, and occurrences of clay minerals. *Clays and Clay Minerals* will strive to keep its readers abreast of the most recent theoretical and research developments in all of these aspects of clays.

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