

Editor's Note

This issue of the *IBM Journal of Research and Development* notes the retirement of Donald P. Seraphim, IBM Fellow, and reflects his influence on electronic packaging, which is a field of critical importance to IBM. Not only has he contributed *directly* to the advancement of the field, but *indirectly* as well—by motivating others at several sites within IBM and at several universities to undertake associated, relevant efforts. Most of the papers in this issue pertain to the latter and will, hopefully, serve as a model for other such efforts.

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