

Editorial

This is the 20th volume of the Photon Factory Activity Report, covering the period from April 2002 to March 2003, corresponding to Japanese fiscal year 2002. It is amazing to look through these 20 volumes and see all the details of scientific output using synchrotron radiation and the development of accelerators, beamlines and experimental apparatus at the Photon Factory.

The editorial board took note during the preparation of this volume the difficulty of publishing the PF Activity Report on time. Unfortunately, this is usually due to a very small number authors who do not submit their manuscripts promptly. Well – that's life!

We would like to mention here that the PF Activity Reports are published on CD-ROM, which includes 289 users' short reports as Part B. All the contents are also available through the PF website (<http://pfwww.kek.jp/>).

Finally, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to all of those who have contributed to this volume, in particular those who submitted their manuscripts before the deadline!

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