

## EDITOR'S COMMENT

This issue is focused on manufacturing processes and we attempt to highlight those processes not previously covered in *Gold Technology*. We begin with a review of hollow jewellery manufacture from strip and tube by Peter Raw, who has published in these pages on several previous occasions. This is followed by an article on cold forging of findings by Fred Klotz. This is a sequel to his earlier article on stamping last year.

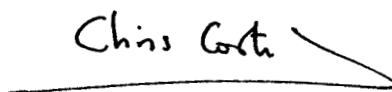
We once again publish an article under the heading 'back to basics'. This time we look at electroplating and its sister technology, electropolishing or electrostripping as it is also known. Finally, we publish an article on the use of X-ray fluorescence (XRF) in assaying gold jewellery. This is an area where I receive a lot of correspondence and this article by Panu Jalus and his colleagues in Finland complements the more general article on assaying techniques published in issue no. 32 last year. There is no doubt that XRF is a technique gaining in popularity for gold assaying.

Once again, I find that I write this editorial just before I travel to the USA for the Santa Fe Symposium, which was advertised in the previous issue. I always find this Symposium stimulating; it is a great way to meet informally with many of the industry experts and catch up on the

latest technology advances as well as renewing old friendships and making useful contacts. There is always something new being reported. It is a first class conference, with something for everyone, whatever their interest and background. You can expect the usual full report by Mark Grimwade in the next issue!

Finally, I should like to remind you, our readers, that we depend on your feedback to know what articles and features interest you. What do you want to see in this magazine? Please tell us! Write, fax or E-mail me at [chris.corti@wgclon.gold.org](mailto:chris.corti@wgclon.gold.org) Perhaps, you would like to offer an article for publication. We would be pleased to hear from you.

Enjoy this issue!



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