



EDITOR'S NOTES

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The Gregorian Calendar celebrates New Year's Day on January 1st, but that's not the only noteworthy New Year celebration—the Jewish calendar, the Chinese Calendar, even the Julian Calendar all have their own New Year's designation.

If you're a TAPPI member (and most of you are—thanks for your support!) you should be aware that TAPPI has its own New Year's Day: September 1. We are now launching into our Fall membership renewal season, and I urge you all to renew your membership today (renew your membership online at www.tappi.org by September 15, 2004, and you will save US\$5 on your annual dues.)

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