Dear readers of *International Shipbuilding Progress*,

For those of you who do not know me yet, let me introduce myself: I am Rene Huijsmans, professor at the Ship Hydromechanics and Structures section at the Delft University of Technology. The current Editor, Jo Pinkster, is retiring as from 1 November 2006; he will step down and I will take over his position as Editor-in-Chief of the journal. I would like to thank him for his contribution to the journal.

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