

Editorial

A year has passed since I assumed my role as Editor-in-Chief of *Shock and Vibration*. It has been a pleasure to serve the shock and vibration community in this capacity. The communications I have had with many of you have been rewarding and helpful with growing the journal further, both in scope and quality of papers that are received and published. We are striving to reflect the continuing changes in our technical community.

We have managed to significantly reduce our publication backlog from one and one-half year to less than one-half year (3 journal issues), expand our technical topics to include more of the contemporary research topics in shock and vibration, and add a number of world-class researchers from around the world to our editorial board. We are continuing to make every effort to further reduce our backlog to one or two journal issues. Additionally, we published a special issue of papers presented at the 2011 International Conference on Structural Engineering Dynamics, thanks to the excellent efforts of Professor Nuno M. M. Maia.

The online publication of the accepted papers is working excellent. Often the accepted papers go through our production department and are posted online within 3–4 weeks of paper's acceptance. This has and will continue to help us with timely publication of the papers that are submitted to us. We have also made significant improvement in our review time. Our average review time currently stands at 91 days, and we are making every effort to reduce this to less than 60 days from the time of submission.

More than 250 papers were submitted during the past year, ending on 1 October 2012, of which about one-half were accepted for publication, some with minor or major revisions. This indicates a growth of more than 100% in our manuscript submission and is an excellent metric of the vitality of the journal. Another significant indicator was the diversity of geographic regions that the papers represented. We received papers from nearly all corners of the world.

Just like most endeavors in life, the growth and improvement that we have witnessed at the journal has been a team effort, resulting from the contributions of our capable authors, excellent reviewers, and diligent editorial board. Without the strength of this team, not much could have been accomplished. As such, on behalf of our editorial board, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our authors and reviewers for their contributions to the journal. In this issue, you will find a list of the reviewers for the past year, in recognition of their contributions to the betterment of the journal.

As I start my second year with the journal, I look forward to working with our stakeholders – our readers, authors, reviewers, and the shock and vibration community at large – to continue in the tradition of *Shock and Vibration* as a premier publication. In the spirit of the journal as a “community forum,” I welcome your comments and suggestions for improving *Shock and Vibration*. You can reach me at SAVjournal@Gmail.com

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