

AIAA Journal Associate Editors for 1986

IT'S hard for me to believe that, with this editorial, I start my twenty-first year as your Editor-in-Chief. As I recall, the backlog was the major bottleneck to publication at that time, due to the conjunction of modern jet aircraft technology, new missile technology, and the challenges of the Apollo program. I have battled that backlog ever since. But with the reformation of the *Journal of Propulsion and Power*, the birth of the *Journal of Thermophysics and Heat Transfer*, plus generous allocations of the Publication Committee (and approved by the Board of Directors), it is finally where it should be. With that problem behind us, speed of publication will depend on the cooperation and promptness of the Associate Editors and their reviewers. It is therefore appropriate to commend their monumental efforts in this editorial, and give them the recognition they so justly deserve. The Associate Editor portraits are accordingly displayed herein. Also, 1987 may be the year that the *AIAA Journal* finally adopts the computerized paper tracking system developed by Dr. Donald Fraser, Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Guidance, Control, and Dynamics*. This will also help us in reducing the time to publication.

Tribute is also given to our reviewers, whose names follow. There has been debate over the years of the value added by the review process versus value subtracted by the consequent delay in publication. I have examined hundreds of reviews and instructions to authors. Overall, the reviews improve the paper and make it more reliable and usable. Yes, there are often

cases where the reviewer is overly demanding. But these reviews may be rebutted by the author and are then given thoughtful consideration by myself and the Associate Editor. The result of our selectivity (25% of our papers are rejected or withdrawn), plus the revisions in most of the remaining 75%, makes the *AIAA Journal* the premier American journal in aerospace sciences. As an attestation, it is translated word-for-word in the U.S.S.R. (except, strangely enough, my editorials). To initiate an exchange on this, we will be publishing monthly about thirty abstracts of Soviet papers on aerospace subjects.

We also wish to express appreciation of the excellent work of Norma Brennan, AIAA Director of Scientific Publications; Kathy Felix, our senior editor; and Mildred Daniels, our typesetter. Also, many thanks from authors and readers are due to retiring Associate Editors Drs. S. N. Atluri, Oddvar Benediksen, and David Ahouse. They have each contributed to the maintenance of the high standards that you deserve.

I wish to sadly inform you that Dr. Gordon Oates, Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Propulsion and Power* and a contributor and past Associate Editor of the *AIAA Journal*, died suddenly on November 1, 1986. He made many contributions to both our industrial and aerospace technology. This great loss is lamented.

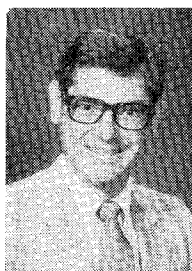
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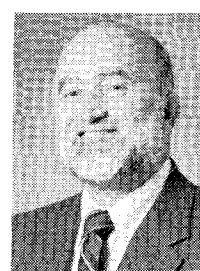
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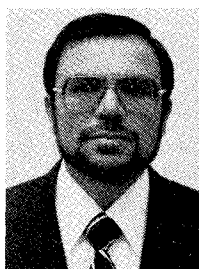
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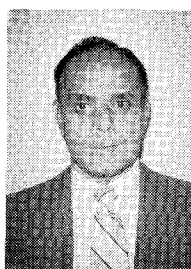
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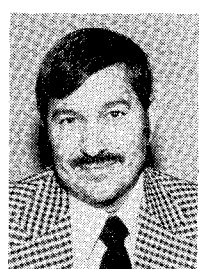
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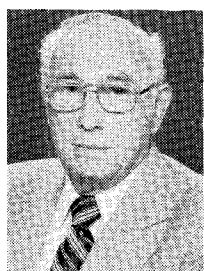
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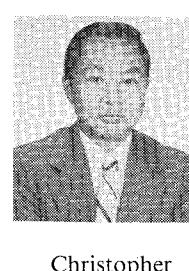
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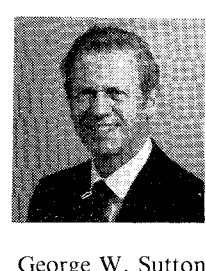
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