

### Author-Prepared Manuscripts

The requirement that authors prepare their papers in final form for offset printing will be initiated for all four journals at the earliest possible time. It is expected that the savings resulting from elimination of composition costs for the four journals (estimated to be between \$100,000 and \$200,000 annually) will cover the full costs of studying a selective dissemination (SDD) system (which is ultimately expected to replace the journals), permit a reduction in all 1971-72 journal subscription prices, and still leave enough over so that no curtailment in publication of technical papers will be needed.

The only basic change in procedure for the authors will be that, instead of submitting their revised papers (after reviewing) in the usual double-spaced manuscript form, a "final camera-ready typing" will be necessary, in strict accordance with rules to be set by the editors. Although this new procedure certainly requires somewhat greater care on the part of the author in both preparation and proofreading of the final copy, it may actually simplify the earlier steps in the process; e.g., the manuscript requirements for meeting preprints and journal papers can now be made similar. Note that there is very little difference between preparing figures for photoengraving (the process now in use) and pre-

paring them for photo-offset printing, so that this major aspect of the author's task will be virtually unaltered.

Readers of the journals will see no change whatsoever in the covers, but there is no question that the interior pages just "won't look as good." However, a number of technical journals have already moved to author-prepared typewritten copy and photo-offset printing. Some have been successful in maintaining high appearance standards; others have not. We are hopeful that our journals will continue to be recognized as the highest-quality technical archive publications; the AIAA is most fortunate in having a Director of Scientific Publications, Miss Ruth F. Bryans, whose dedication to excellence in her management of technical journal publications is recognized throughout the field.

As I stated earlier, the Publications Committee and the editors will monitor the effects of these two innovations with utmost care, so that any difficulties can be caught and corrected with a minimum of problems. We believe these changes will mark a definite improvement in service to both authors and readers of the journals, and, as always, we welcome your comments and suggestions.

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## Announcement: 1970 Author and Subject Indexes

The indexes of the four AIAA archive journals (*AIAA Journal*, *Journal of Spacecraft and Rockets*, *Journal of Aircraft*, and *Journal of Hydronautics*) will be combined and mailed separately early in 1971. Subscribers are entitled to one copy of the index for each subscription which they had in 1970. Extra copies of the index may be obtained at \$5 per copy. Please address your request for extra copies to the Circulation Department, AIAA, Room 280, 1290 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10019.

The 1968 combined index (including the indexes of the 1967 issues of the *Journal of Hydronautics*) was reprinted, and a few copies are still available, at \$5 per copy, on a first-come, first-served basis. Orders should be sent to the Circulation Department at the above address and must be received by February 15, 1971. A very few copies of the 1969 index are available on the same basis as the 1968 index.

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