

## The 1980 International Issue

**B**EGINNING with the March 1979 issue of the Journal of Aircraft the names of the International Editors have been listed on the masthead. The idea, conceived by then JA Editor-in-Chief Allen Fuhs, was to identify a technical leader in each participating country who could serve as a focal point for potential authors—someone who could interpret AIAA publication requirements, seek out papers of high interest to JA readers, and assist with technical revision as necessary. In other words, an international extension of our own very fine editorial staff might bring into sharper focus the strong aeronautical technical activity underway in many countries.

Each international editor participates for a two year period and we are now just completing our first full year. Several fine papers have been submitted and overall it appears that the idea was well-founded. We hope to expand our list of International Editors and note the recent addition of Peoples Republic of China as of January 1980.

By way of bringing your attention to this activity and in recognition of the first year's effort, Dr. Fuhs also conceived the idea of an International Issue which would be essentially devoted to a collection of noteworthy international contributions. You are holding the results in your hands and I hope you will agree that a good cross section of international activity is represented. We endeavored and succeeded with negligible disruption or delay in our regular publication schedule thanks to the extremely good coordination and cooperation by the New York staff and in particular by Marie D'Amico, Managing Editor.

Should we do this again next year? Is this approach to international information exchange viable? I'd be happy to receive your comments anytime.

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