

A Distinguished Career. . . and a New Beginning

IT was with regret that I recently accepted the resignation of the esteemed Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Propulsion and Power*, R. H. Woodward (“Woody”) Waesche. Dr. Waesche has served in this important role since November 1986 and has, in large measure, been responsible for the success of the journal. His 14 years of dedicated service are appreciated by the members of the AIAA Publications Committee, his team of Associate Editors, and the many authors who have had their papers published in these pages.

We are fortunate that Vigor Yang has agreed to serve as Acting Editor-in-Chief of *JPP* while the Publications Committee, in accordance with established policy, conducts a formal search for Dr. Waesche’s replacement. (An invitation for applications appears on page 34 of this issue.) Meanwhile, the journal will be in excellent

hands with Dr. Yang at the helm. He has served admirably as a *JPP* Associate Editor since 1991 and will remain on our masthead in that capacity pending the selection of a permanent Editor-in-Chief. In addition to his now double role on behalf of *JPP*, Dr. Yang is also a member of the Editorial Advisory Board of AIAA’s book series, *Progress in Astronautics and Aeronautics*. His photograph and a biographical sketch appear on page 3.

I would like to personally thank Dr. Yang for accepting this responsibility. The AIAA Publications Committee and Headquarters Staff are looking forward to working with him in his new role.

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