Thank You and Best Wishes to Dr. R. H. Woodward Waesche

READERS of the *Journal of Propulsion and Power* will remember Dr. R. H. Woodward ("Woody") Waesche as an exemplary editor. Under his distinguished leadership, the journal has matured over the past 14 years into the premier intellectual forum for the advancement of propulsion science and technology. He is greatly respected and appreciated for his important contributions to the aerospace community, but I especially wish to emphasize his sincerity, dedication, and indefatigable spirit. It was a great pleasure and privilege to work with him, personally and professionally. I would like to take this opportunity to offer him and his wife, Lucy, my warmest wishes for a pleasant and prosperous future.

With Woody's gracious support and counsel, an orderly transition of the editorship has been conducted, with all records of *JPP* submittals transferred successfully. I am deeply grateful to all the Associate Editors of *JPP* and the AIAA staff in Washington,DC, for their dedication to the journal and for their support in the transition process. The entire editorial team maintains its full commitment to providing quality services to readers and authors. A network-based paper-tracking system with routine monitoring of paper status has been implemented to expedite the review and publication process. Further efficiency will be achieved by establishing a database of

authors and reviewers and utilizing internet communication. The backlog arising from the increased number of submittals in the past two years will be substantially alleviated through a one-time increase of 500 journal pages allocated for *JPP* this year. We are striving to reduce manuscript processing time between submission and publication to nine months, if not shorter.

In recognition of the Centennial of Flight, JPP will publish a series of feature articles throughout the year 2003 covering the histories of key technologies in the areas of aerospace propulsion and power. All subjects relevant to the scope of JPP will be considered, including rocket and airbreathing propulsion, as well as power generation and conversion. Much progress has been made in the past 100 years, but there remains much to be done. JPP is dedicated to continuing to serve as a knowledge source, streamlining the information flow, and helping to advance the state of the art. Your ongoing involvement as reader, author, and reviewer is critical to the continuing success of JPP. Together we can keep JPP at the cutting edge of aerospace propulsion and power research.

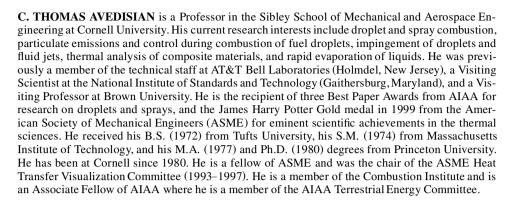
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