

Annual Business and News: Beginning the 31st Year of the *Journal of Guidance, Control, and Dynamics*

BY ALL measures of performance, this past year has been another successful one for the *Journal of Guidance, Control, and Dynamics*. The *JGCD* remains number two in the total number of domestic and international subscriptions among the seven AIAA journals. From the Journal Citation Reports published by Thompson ISI, the *JGCD* had the third-highest aerospace engineering journal impact factor ranking for calendar year 2005. A record number of papers (418, with 51% from authors outside the United States) were submitted for review from October 2006 through September 2007. More pages were published during that period than the previous period in an attempt to decrease the backlog in papers that are ready to be published. The page increase was equivalent to an extra *JGCD* issue. This coming year, we expect to move to E-First Publishing, in which papers are published online as soon as they are ready for publication, rather than waiting for the printed copy.

Our Associate Editors (AEs) are doing an outstanding job conducting reviews. Here are some statistics on the papers for which they made final decisions during the 12-month period from October 2006 to September 2007, with the corresponding numbers for the previous year in parenthesis.

- 1) The number of papers on which a decision was made was 422 (368).
- 2) The number of papers accepted was 193 (146).
- 3) The number of papers declined was 139 (164).
- 4) The number of papers withdrawn, transferred, or other was 90 (58).
- 5) The average number of days from submission until the author of a declined paper is notified was 95.
- 6) The average number of days from submission until the AE asks for a revision to a paper that is expected to be accepted was 89.
- 7) The average number of days from submission until a paper is accepted after revision was 170.

On average, the AE assigned the first reviewer in eight days. I am very proud of the performance of our AEs and the responsiveness of most authors in getting their revisions done quickly!

In past editorials, I have written about the progress made toward meeting my goals as Editor-in-Chief during the year. These goals are to 1) maintain the quality of the *JGCD*, 2) increase the number of engineering applications-oriented papers, 3) minimize the time from submission to publication, 4) increase the international involvement in the *JGCD*, and 5) listen to and respond to everyone's concerns. I am satisfied that we are continuing to make progress in meeting these goals. The *JGCD* continues to attract high-quality papers submitted on a worldwide basis. However, the number of applications-oriented papers submitted still needs to be increased and I repeat the call to the community to respond with more relevant papers that can help engineers practice their profession.

Authors should again be advised that we are encouraging journal submissions from the AIAA cosponsored conferences. The AIAA has different copyright arrangements with various conference organizations, and most copyright issues can be solved for the benefit of authors who are interested in reaching a worldwide audience through peer review and publication in the *JGCD*.

This past year, the AIAA Publications Committee developed policies and procedures that specify and clarify the fair and uniform handling of various ethical violations. The policies and procedures were widely published in the journals. More information on this subject is provided to authors during the WriteTrack submission process.

With this issue, I am announcing reappointments to our Editorial Staff, with thanks for their continuing service as Associate Editors: Richard Colgren, University of Kansas; John Crassidis, University at Buffalo, State University of New York; Fidelis Eke, University of California, Davis; Hari Hablani, The Boeing Company; Ping Lu, Iowa State University; James Mitchell, The Boeing Company; M. Bala Subrahmanyama, Lockheed Martin Advanced Technology Center.

Deepest appreciation and good luck for the future goes to retiring Associate Editor Panos Tsiotras from the Georgia Institute of Technology.

New appointments as Associate Editors are made for Maruthi Akella, University of Texas, Austin, and Hanspeter Schaub, University of Colorado, Boulder. The complete Associate Editor list, including biographical sketches, is presented in the following pages.

I express my gratitude to all the reviewers who perform the peer reviews that are necessary to maintain the quality of the *JGCD*. The list of reviewers contributing between October 1, 2006 and September 30, 2007 follows the list of Associate Editors. I apologize to any reviewers whose names may have been inadvertently omitted from the list.

Special acknowledgements go to the following individuals who served as liaison between the *JGCD* and an AIAA Technical Committee (TC): Prof. Yaakov Oshman, with the Guidance, Navigation & Control TC; Dr. Ronald Proulx, Draper Laboratory, with the Astrodynamics TC; Prof. John Valasek, Texas A&M University, with the Atmospheric Flight Mechanics TC; Dr. Karl Bilimoria, NASA Ames Research Center, with the Air Transportation Systems TC; and Dr. Sanjay Garg, NASA Glenn Research Center, with the Intelligent Systems TC.

Thanks go to the staff at AIAA Headquarters, particularly, Norma Brennan, Amanda Maguire, and Michael McGinnes. These dedicated individuals work at the highest standards in producing the *JGCD*. Thanks to Lisa Gorman and Loretta Mitrano, Draper Laboratory, for making sure the Editor-in-Chief's office ran smoothly and efficiently all year long, and to Draper Laboratory for its past support.

Finally, I continue to encourage communications between our readers and any member of the Editorial Staff. I also believe we did a good job last year covering the span of interests of our readers and in responding quickly to communications. In a 2007 AIAA journals survey, the *JGCD* received high marks for technical value, authorship, content coverage, and originality of contents. We can always do better and we are willing to listen; please contact us.

Dr. George T. Schmidt
Editor-in-Chief, *JGCD*

Editor-in-Chief



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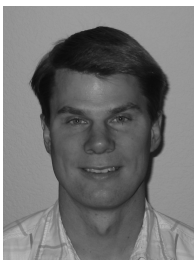
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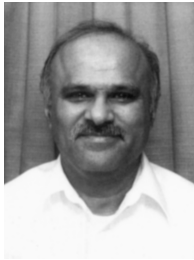
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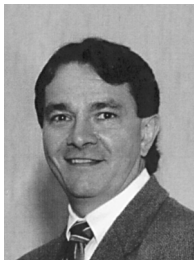
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