

Editorial for December, 1979

This fourth issue completes the first volume of the journal and marks the end of the first year of publication. During the year, a number of technical problems have arisen, which have delayed publication, but these have been overcome and henceforth we hope to maintain the normal publication dates. The Editors-in-Chief are extremely grateful for the support which they have received from the authors, the Honorary Editorial Advisory Board, the Consultant Editors and Mechanical Engineering Publications Ltd. The journal is in a healthy state and can enter the second year with confidence. There is a steady flow of papers being submitted by authors in the UK and abroad, so that the international aspect of the journal is being met. Experience in the first year has helped to identify a panel of eminent referees who can be relied upon to give a critical assessment of a paper within four weeks. This quick turn-round on refereeing is essential if the journal is to maintain a reputation for prompt publication.

It has been a successful first year, but one objective has not been realized, namely the balance between papers dealing with research, design, and development. The journal welcomes papers or technical notes on engineering design or development, but most of the papers which have been received have concentrated on analysis and research. It remains our objective to achieve a better balance between papers dealing with the different aspects of engineering, but this can only be achieved if those who are making significant contributions in design or development are willing to submit their work to the journal for publication.

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