

Editorial

In this final issue for 2006 we should like to bring to readers' attention several new and forthcoming developments in the Journal.

Firstly, from January 2007, it will only be possible to submit manuscripts to the IJHFF electronically via Elsevier's electronic system (EES): <http://ees.elsevier.com/hff/>. Over the past six months since the EES option was introduced there has been a large migration to electronic submission and we hope that no-one will encounter difficulties in using this route for submitting their manuscripts. While it is still too early to report consequences of this shift, one of the intended outcomes is to shorten, by typically two months, the time from submission to publication.

In conjunction with the change to electronic submission, we would note that henceforth the IJHFF will no longer offer the category of "Brief Communication". We would stress that this does not imply that the IJHFF is no longer interested in publishing short articles. If a work is judged to be timely, of good quality and relevant to our readership we shall publish it, irrespective of its length.

Finally, we note changes to the Journal's editorial team. We have been delighted to welcome, from August this year, Professor Karen Thole as Associate Editor. Dr. Thole, who is well known for her experimental research in heat transfer, obtained her PhD degree from the University of Texas in 1992 and served on the faculty at the University of Wisconsin and the Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University before joining the Pennsylvania State University as Head of the Mechanical & Nuclear Engineering Department. On the other side of the editorial coin, we would extend our warm thanks to Professor H. Yoshida of Kyoto University who, having served the Journal as Associate Editor since 2005, will be leaving us at the end of the year to become an editor of the International Journal of Heat & Mass Transfer. We wish him every success in his new role.

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