

## EDITORIAL MESSAGE

It is not an uncommon phenomenon in the world of science and engineering for individuals, in different parts of the world, to have similar ideas almost simultaneously; an example of this has been the fact that Professor G. Hetsroni of the Technion in Israel and Professor H. C. Simpson of the University of Strathclyde, in Scotland, in 1972 separately conceived the idea of a journal dealing with multiphase flow phenomena. Professor Hetsroni persuaded Pergamon Press Limited and Professor Simpson persuaded Elsevier Scientific Publishing Company to publish such a journal. The coincidence was carried one stage further in that both editors chose almost identical names for their journals. As soon as the competitive plans became apparent to the two principal editors, discussions were held with a view to combining the two journals. Since this is a rather unusual occurrence in the publishing world, these discussions have been protracted but we are now pleased to announce that the Elsevier *Journal of Multi-Phase Flow* and the Pergamon *International Journal of Multiphase Flow* are now merged.

Both journals have built up strong Editorial Boards and their amalgamation will undoubtedly add to the editorial strength of the joint journal. We are sure that the amalgamation of the two journals is in the interests of the scientific and engineering community and our objective will remain to publish theoretical and experimental investigations of multiphase flow which are of relevance and permanent interest.

This issue contains the manuscripts which have been accepted for publication and set in type by the Elsevier *Journal of Multi-Phase Flow*. We shall resume our normal publishing style commencing with the next issue.

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