

## EDITORIAL

*The International Journal of Solids and Structures* was founded by George Herrmann in 1965 in response to a perceived need. That this need existed and has been met is confirmed by two, perhaps superficial, but quantitative measures. Firstly, the number of manuscripts submitted has remained at a high, remarkably consistent rate over the past 10 years. Secondly, the "impact index" given in the Journal Citation Index is reasonably good among all journals dealing with solid mechanics and structures. For this we can credit the leadership of George Herrmann, who has served as Editor-in-Chief for the past 20 years, and Pergamon Press for producing an attractive publication without the necessity of imposing page charges on the authors.

George Herrmann is now promoted to Senior Consulting Editor. The reason I am able to accept the position of Editor-in-Chief is that George will be available for guidance, and that I have great confidence in the corps of reviewers which has served the *Journal*. There is no doubt that the advancement of our profession is heavily dependent on the conscientious review by peers in the international community.

The general policy of the *Journal* will be continued. Only one change in format will be instituted. References will be quoted in the text by author's name and date, and the reference list will be alphabetical (Refer to Information for Contributors on Cover 3 of *Journal*). This provides an advantage to the reader, since it is less often necessary to turn to the reference list, and provides an advantage to the author, since modification of the reference list is easier.

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