

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF'S FOREWORD

As many readers will already know, Professor John Brian Roberts of Sussex University, a valued JSV Editorial Board member of long standing, died at the age of 61 on the first of September 2001, having been ill since April 2001. When notifying us of his death, his Secretary at Sussex University said "we miss him very much", to which I can add that his JSV editorial and academic colleagues elsewhere do also. He has left us the legacy of his pioneering book with Pol Spanos, on *Random Vibration and Statistical Linearization*, along with many other contributions to our knowledge of the uses of stochastic averaging for dealing with specific non-linear dynamic problems.

The untimely death of Brian Roberts is bad news for JSV. But I can also report some good news.

This is that Professor L. Frýba of the Institute of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, and Professor R. Singh of Ohio State University, have agreed to become members of the JSV Editorial Board. This strengthens the representation on the Board of their fields of interest, particularly the vibration of structures subjected to moving loads (Frýba) and machinery dynamics (Singh).

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