



EDITOR-IN-CHIEF'S PREFACE



My first duty as the new Editor-in-Chief is to thank Professor Phil Doak on behalf of all JSV authors, referees, readers, Editorial Board members, Editors and their Editorial Assistants, and the publishers Academic Press for his dedication to the Journal over 40 years. Under his guidance it has grown from a quarterly to 50 issues a year. The number of manuscripts submitted each year is still growing indicating the high regard with which it is held.

It is not my intention to make any major changes, but rather to try to maintain the high quality Phil has set. Following the takeover of Harcourt by Elsevier, some changes will be forthcoming. Current authors have already been informed of the transfer of Production from London to Amsterdam. In the Spring of 2003 the Journal will appear in Elsevier format.

Finally, I should like to wish Phil a long and happy retirement.

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