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Editorial

This issue comes to you in a new size and new format to fall in line with other Elsevier journals. In addition, the JSV web pages have been transferred to the Elsevier Science web pages and have undergone some slight changes.

The electronic version of JSV, which permits readers to access papers before the printed version is published, is now available on <http://www.sciencedirect.com>. The JSV Homepage resides at <http://www.elsevier.com/locate/jsvi>. This Homepage features JSV+, which is freely and easily accessible to all. The main idea of this feature is to take advantage of the electronic medium to augment the basic journal format. To access it, go to the Journal Homepage and click on (JSV+).

The site consists of four sections. *Conference announcements*, the hitherto most frequently visited section, contains up-to-date information about forthcoming congresses, meetings and similar events of international value. Organizers of such conferences, wishing to place an announcement on JSV+, are kindly asked to send the necessary information (title of conference, location, dates, and URL or e-mail/postal address of a contact person) to the WWW editor of JSV+ ([mail to:bobrovni@orc.ru](mailto:mail.to:bobrovni@orc.ru)) as soon as possible.

Other sections—*Online appendices and supplementary material*, *Information and resources*, and *Discussions*—contain material additional to the papers published in the printed version of JSV which may be of interest to specialists in the sound and vibration sciences. Readers can not only find useful information but also take part in discussion on “hot topics”, express their own opinion, give comments on published JSV papers, etc.

Online appendices and supplementary material expand the content of the printed papers. They are presented digitally on an author’s site and may consist of experimental data, source codes, sets of illustrations, video clips, or any lengthy parts of the paper for which the material is of much greater volume than is allowed in the traditional printed format. Generally, the journal sets no restrictions on the content of an online appendix, except relevance to the item under consideration. The principal point is that an author can refer to online appendices in the body of the paper just as to usual appendices or references. Examples of such references can be found in Vol. 243(1), p. 144—Ref. [18] or in Vol. 255(3), p. 499—Ref. [9].

Free access to the online appendices is provided through the JSV+ section *Online appendices and supplementary material*. Here a short explanatory article is placed by the author which briefly describes the content of the appendix, format of presentation, volume of information, and of course a direct link to the author’s site where the appendix itself is set up. It goes without saying that the online appendices should be available to JSV readers for a sufficiently long time, e.g., more than 2 years from the publication date of the paper. Authors are asked to submit the manuscript of their paper, together with the explanatory article in the usual way to the appropriate regional editor: i.e., four copies each of the manuscript and of the explanatory article, typed double spaced. Also, at the time of submission, the online appendices should be already accessible for the JSV editors and referees.

The *Information and resources* section consists mostly of information placed by the Publisher.

The *Discussions* section contains comments and notes on recently published JSV papers. Readers are welcome to ask for clarification, express their own opinions, begin discussion on new topics, etc. The submissions to this section are not to be regarded as a replacement for traditional comments of a fundamental type which remain the province of printed Letters-to-the-Editor. All discussion material should be submitted directly to the WWW Editor.

We hope that JSV + will add considerably to the traditional journal format and will be useful for both JSV authors and readers.

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