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Editorial

I write as outgoing Editor-in-Chief of the Journal to welcome my successor, Professor Matthew P. Cartmell of the University of Glasgow, who will be well known to many of JSV's authors for his work as a JSV editor since 2005.

Readers, and more particularly authors, will not need reminding that the Journal has evolved over the last 6 years; in Matthew Cartmell's capable hands it will doubtless evolve further over the next 6 years, such is the nature of scientific publishing. Changes that I have been pleased to implement with the support of our Publisher, Chris Greenwell, include expansion of the editorial team, and the merging of worldwide editorial support into one office at the University of Southampton.

In January 2004 the Journal possessed three autonomous Regional Editors (George Tham, Werner Soedel, and myself), with no associate editors. It now has 20 editors—including two Receiving Editors and an Editor-in-Chief—supported by three Assistant Editors and three part-time administrators. The submission rate has increased to around six papers per day, yet papers are typically processed quicker than before; here the implementation in 2006 of electronic submission has played a key role.

I have been particularly fortunate over my 6 years with the Journal to have the dedicated support of Marjorie Hookham as administrator, but many other people have contributed to JSV's development. These include the Editorial Advisors and reviewers; the Assistant Editors, who help with manuscript pre-screening; and, more recently, our Receiving Editors and Subject Editors. As I hand over to Matthew Cartmell, as a worthy follower in the line of JSV Editors-in-Chief begun by Philip Doak, I wish him and his team all success in their endeavours on behalf of the sound and vibration community.

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It is with great pleasure that I accept the role of Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Sound and Vibration, and with feelings of considerable respect for the history and tradition of our world famous journal. I have been associated in one way or another with JSV for over 21 years, with the publication of my first journal paper in the JSV in 1988. Since then I have undertaken many reviews and have served as an associate editor during recent years, with promotion to deputy Editor-in-Chief more recently. The JSV has evolved dramatically, and this has only been possible because of the many new and expansive opportunities offered by our Publisher, Christopher Greenwell at Elsevier, and the creative leadership shown by my illustrious predecessor, Professor Christopher L. Morfey. Chris Morfey has driven through so many changes in terms of editorial practice and membership, with a remarkable combination of technical flair, incisive thinking, and great personal tact. As a result of this we have seen our impact factor rise by 33% this year, with the promise of more to come in the future. Chris' outstanding personal contributions to the field of acoustics are very well known to us all, and his great awareness of the wider fields of vibration and dynamics have, together, served to take the JSV to the undeniably pre-eminent position that it occupies today. So, I would like to thank Chris for all his efforts and his leadership in recent times, and to wish him happiness and fulfilment in his retirement. It has been a great pleasure to serve as one of his deputies and it has to be said that it is a considerable, but welcome challenge to take over from him at this time. I would also like to thank all my editorial colleagues for the great service and loyalty that they have given over the years and which they continue to offer to JSV. It would be impossible to run JSV without such a dedicated and expert team, and so I thank you all and look forward to a long and continued association in the future. Lastly, but certainly not least, the JSV is also widely known—and liked by all—for its friendly and courteous administrative staff, without whom it would have been impossible to have maintained our standing and reputation. I would like to thank Mrs. Marjorie Hookham for her outstanding service to JSV, for her depth of knowledge of the most arcane rules and procedures that frequently defeat me but nevertheless underpin the journal, and for her wisdom and humour in all her dealings with editors, reviewers, and authors. I wish Marjorie a most happy and peaceful retirement, when she leaves on 1 January 2010. It just remains for me to welcome our recently appointed editors and our new administrative support staff, Mrs. Margaret Howls and Mrs. Janet Carroll, and finally to acknowledge the support, involvement, and professionalism of our many referees, and of course our authors. I look forward to working with you all in the future.



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