



FOREWORD FOR VOLUME 13

THE JOURNAL HAS CONTINUED its steady progress towards becoming *the* journal in which to publish papers in *Fluid–Structure Interactions*, *Aeroelasticity*, *Unsteady Fluid Dynamics*, *Flow-Induced Vibration and Noise*, and *Flow–Acoustic Interactions*, in all realms: in the aerospace and marine environments, industrial machines and constructions, physiology, wind engineering, and so on, as well as in the general area of fundamental methods and techniques, not related to any particular type or system—see inner back cover. Analytical, experimental and numerical work is about equally represented in JFS.

This first issue of 1999 is representative of this diversity and coherence, with papers in aeroacoustics, wind engineering, biomechanics, aeroelasticity, flow–acoustic interactions, rotor–fluid interactions, bluff-body/flow effects, and fluid–shell interactions – some theoretical, some experimental, some mixed.

SPEEDIER PUBLICATION

Casual perusal of Volume 12 and of this issue will show that an increasing number of papers are now published in less than 12 months from first submission. It is perfectly feasible for papers (i) not requiring drastic revisions and (ii) which conform to the required format to be published within a year from receipt.

An essential part for this is that the authors do their part, by submitting papers conforming closely to the required format, as outlined in the last few pages on most issues (Information for Authors); especially with regard to References, list of captions, and the figures, which in this writer's experience have been common elements causing delays by requiring extra mailings and correspondence.

SPECIAL BRIEF NOTES

This type of Brief Note, reporting on breakthroughs or exciting new findings, receives accelerated, ultra-fast processing. If the authors do their part, publication is achieved within four months of receipt. A good recent example may be found in issue 12(8). I would be delighted to see this special feature of JFS utilized to the full.

SPECIAL ISSUES

We are committed to publishing from time to time a *Special Issue* on a special topic. The most recent example is issue 12(5), on the *Industrial Applications of Fluid–Structure Interaction and Flow-Induced Noise Research*, coordinated and edited by Professor D.S. Weaver. This year, there will be a Special Issue or Issues on *Bluff–Body/Flow Interactions* (working title) in memory of Professor Yasuharu Nakamura, to be coordinated and edited by Professors Masaru Matsumoto and Shinji Hayama.

More Special Issues are being planned or organized.

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THE EDITORIAL TEAM

The hallmark of JFS is to work together with the authors of worthwhile papers in a *constructive* way, until they reach the standards required for publication in JFS—provided of course the basic work itself is good enough in the first place. The whole of the Editorial Team, and particularly the Associate Editors and myself, are committed to this task.

On behalf of the whole of the Editorial Board, I wish our readers and contributors all the best for 1999, and I look forward to receiving your papers, Brief Notes, Special Brief Notes and Letters.

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Editor