

## Foreword

I take this opportunity to remind readers and contributors that, in addition to papers in fluid–structure interactions (FSI), our journal publishes papers involving (i) unsteady fluid dynamics, (ii) flow–acoustic interactions and (iii) the development of CFD methods, provided they are of direct interest and application to FSI.

I should also like to remind readers of the *Special Brief Communications* feature, which involves publication within 4 months of receipt, for brief papers reporting breakthroughs and important new findings (see the journal website for more information).

Finally, I remind authors of the possibility of annexing colour videos or animations to their papers, which can be seen when accessing the paper on the web.

### 1. Electronic submission

As of 1 September 2007, the *Journal of Fluids and Structures* started using EES, the Elsevier electronic submission system.

It is hoped that this will expedite acceptance or other disposition of papers submitted to JFS. It is also hoped that the authors will appreciate the many helpful features this system provides.

### 2. Avoiding delays to publication

It is important to consult the website ([www.elsevier.com/locate/jfs](http://www.elsevier.com/locate/jfs)) concerning the format and style of papers *and* to consult a recent issue (either on the web or in printed form) to *see* what the style should be like (even though in normal submissions the text should be typed double-spaced, and the figures placed at the end (not in text), one to a page, etc.). Authors should also be reminded that the figures should be of approximately the correct size as would appear in the journal, with *uniform* writing of approximately the same size as the text. Failure to do that, even with the acceleration afforded by EES, could cause months' delay in publication, and a lot of unnecessary work for the authors and editors alike.

### 3. 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 that 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. This we aim to maintain, even in the relatively less “personal” environment of EES.

On behalf of the whole of the Editorial Board, I wish our readers, contributors and referees all the best for 2008. I look forward to receiving your papers, Brief Communications and Special Brief Communications.

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