



## JSV +: CALL FOR MATERIAL

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The idea of the publishers, Academic Press, of the *Journal of Sound and Vibration* (JSV) to set up a repository in the Home Page of JSV is both timely and needed. The existing electronic means of communication provide the fastest way of exchanging results and ideas among scientists worldwide. It seems that in the near future most new scientific information will appear first in electronic journals, while the traditional printed journals will contain mainly well-refereed and selected reports of completed works, comprehensive reviews, and state-of-the-art summaries. Of course the new JSV repository, which will be known as **JSV +**, is not yet an electronic journal, but it is a first important step toward it, addressed mostly to young scientists closely familiar with this type of communication. No doubt the next steps will follow soon. I was asked to participate in this process as the WWW Editor of JSV and was pleased to accept.

Initially JSV + will consist of three sections:

**Conference Announcements**  
**Supplementary Material**  
**Discussions.**

The **Conference Announcements** will contain up-to-date information about forthcoming congresses, meetings, short courses, etc., including their locations, dates, subject matters and names and addresses of contact persons. I ask all the conference organizers, who would like their conferences to be announced on JSV +, to send the necessary information to us as soon as possible. If your conference Homepage is available on the WWW, it is recommended that a reciprocal link with JSV + is set up thus allowing JSV readers easy access to the full information regarding the conference.

The **Supplementary Material** section will contain material added by the authors to their main articles published in the printed version of JSV. These may be large sets of illustrations, colour figures, lengthy data tables, and videos, including sound and animation. There may also be long derivations of formulae, extensive results of computer simulations, explanations of processing and analysis of data, etc. Proprietary executable software and programs, however,

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will not be acceptable, for obvious reasons. If necessary, readers may directly address the authors of these programs. Also admissible are links from JSV + to electronic journals, repositories of data or other addresses on the WWW with information relevant to the topic under consideration.

The **Discussions** section will contain comments and notes on recently published JSV papers. Readers are welcome to express their opinion, ask for clarification, etc. We believe that such almost online discussions will provide a deeper understanding of the published material. Readers are reminded, however, that in many cases it will be more appropriate to address their comments, etc., directly to the author(s) of the paper(s) concerned, as often concerns can be more effectively dealt with privately than publicly. The WWW Editor will lightly referee all submissions to the **Discussion** section and advise accordingly. In any case, these submissions are not to be regarded as replacing traditional comments of fundamental type which remain the province of printed Letters-to-the-Editor.

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Both readers and authors are invited to join the publishers' initiative by submitting to JSV + only material which is beyond the papers published in the printed version of JSV but which may be of interest and use to specialists in the Sound and Vibration Sciences.