



EDITOR-IN-CHIEF'S PREFACE

During the past year two long-serving members of the JSV Editorial Board have retired from their academic posts and indicated their desire to retire also from the JSV Editorial Board. They are P. J. T. Filippi of the Laboratoire de Mécanique et d'Acoustique of CNRS Marseille and C. G. Rice of the Institute of Sound and Vibration Research of the University of Southampton. I thank them both for the great support they have given to JSV over many years.

Their successors, who can be described as replacements only insofar as they represent, respectively, the same subject areas as their predecessors, are Dominique M.-L. Habault and J. M. Fields. They need no introduction from me: everybody interested in the physics of the acoustics of the environment knows who Dominique Habault is and everybody interested in the responses of humans to the acoustics of their environments knows who J. M. Fields is. While the subject balance of the Board membership thus remains unchanged, the geographical balance is apparently changed, because J. M. Fields normally resides in the U.S.A., not the U.K. But this change is more apparent than real because some years ago he spent time researching at I.S.V.R. and during the past year he has been a Visiting Professor at a university in Japan.

I welcome both Dominique and Jim to the Editorial Board of JSV.

A real change of a different kind is that the "Announcements" section of the JSV hard copy issues will no longer appear. As readers know, they have appeared in recent years only in approximately every 10th issue of JSV's 50 issues a year, with consequent gaps of about $2\frac{1}{2}$ months between appearances. Given the increasing frequency of conferences of interest to JSV readers these gaps are too long. A "call for papers" often cannot appear in time. Professor Bobrovnskii's JSV+ Homepages on the Internet now provide a way of announcing conferences more promptly. Therefore, all JSV "Announcements" material should no longer be sent to the Editor-in-Chief but directly to the WWW Editor: Yu. I. Bobrovnskii, Russian Academy of Science, Engineering Research Institute, Moscow 101839, Russia; e-mail: bobrovni@orc.ru.

Furthermore, JSV+ on the Internet can include much more than just "Announcements". Its full scope is described on the outside back covers of recent and current issues of JSV.

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