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In recent years the *Journal of Sound and Vibration* (JSV) has adopted several electronically-enabled features aimed at facilitating dissemination of scientific results over the World Wide Web. The first of these is the creation of an electronic version of JSV that permits readers to read papers up to six weeks before the printed version is published—see <http://www.idealibrary.com>.

The second feature is JSV+, which is a JSV repository set up on the Homepage of the journal. JSV+ is freely and easily accessible to all: one goes to the JSV Homepage (<http://academicpress.com/jsv>) and clicks the button [jsv+]. The main idea of JSV+ is to take advantage of the electronic medium to augment the basic journal format.

The site consists of four sections. *Conference Announcements*, the hitherto most frequently visited section, contains up-to-date information about forthcoming congresses, meetings and similar events of international value. Organizers of such conferences, willing to place an announcement on JSV+, are kindly asked to send the necessary information (title of conference, location, dates, and URL or email/postal address of a contact person) to the WWW editor of JSV+ (bobrovni@orc.ru) as soon as possible.

Other sections—*Supplementary Material*, *Discussions*, and *Information and Resources*—contain material additional to the papers published in the printed version of JSV which may be of interest to specialists in the sound and vibration sciences. Readers can not only find useful information but also take part in discussions on “hot topics”, express their own opinions, give comments on published JSV papers, etc. Submission procedures are very simple—directly from the *Discussions* page or via the WWW Editor.

Now, in addition to the above possibilities, JSV offers to its authors a new opportunity to expand the content of their printed papers by accompanying them with *Online Appendices* supporting the main results. These appendices are presented digitally on an authors’ site and may contain experimental data, source codes, sets of illustrations, video clips, and any lengthy parts of the papers for which the material is of much greater volume than is allowed in the traditional printed format. Generally, the journal sets no restrictions on the content of an online appendix, except relevance to the item under consideration. The principal point is that the authors can refer to online appendices in the paper body just as to usual appendices or references. An example of such a reference can be found in this issue—see Reference [18] on page 144.

Free access to the online appendices is provided through the JSV+ section *Appendices and Supplementary Materials*. Here, a short explanatory article is placed by the author(s) which briefly describes the content of the appendix, format of representation, volume of information, and of course a direct link to the authors’ site where the appendix itself is set up. It goes without saying that the online appendices should be available to JSV readers for a sufficiently long time, e.g., more than two years from the publication date of the paper. Authors are asked to submit the manuscripts of their paper, together with the explanatory article, in the usual way to the appropriate regional Editor: i.e., four copies each of the manuscript and of the explanatory article, typed double spaced. Also, at the time of submission, the online appendices should be already accessible to the JSV editors and referees.

We hope that the introduction of online appendices will add considerably to the traditional journal format and will be useful for both JSV authors and readers.

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