



## Editorial

The previous few years for JSV have been exciting ones at the journal, with growing submissions, editorial transitions and online developments. 2006 will be no exception with further developments already in place and planned.

Professor Chris Morfey was appointed in January 2004 as European Editor, taking over from Professor Maurice Petyt. He wishes to thank his predecessor, who has now fully retired from his connection with JSV, for his help in smoothing the editorial transition process. Alert readers and contributors will have followed the evolution of the JSV website over the past 12 months; they will have seen that most of the information required by intending authors is now readily available online, the latest addition being a statement of the Peer Review Policy. This, along with further new editorial appointments and retirements, has marked the way for the move to the full electronic submission of new manuscripts in January 2006.

### New editorial appointments

Professor Werner Soedel has been JSV's distinguished Americas Editor since the beginning of 1990. Having done sterling work throughout, for which we all offer our thanks, he has decided to retire from this position on 31 December 2005. The publishers are pleased to announce the appointment of Professor Patricia Davies and Professor Stuart Bolton, both of Purdue University, Indiana, USA, as joint Americas Editors with effect from 1 January 2006.

In the European Office team, Emeritus Professor Christopher Morfey was joined by Professor Matthew Cartmell of the University of Glasgow, UK, in May 2005. Professor Cartmell is Associate Editor for Europe, the Middle East and Africa.

In addition Dr. Jennifer Muggleton of the University of Southampton was appointed to the European Office in November 2004 as Assistant Editor with responsibility for initial screening of manuscripts and assignment of referees.

Brief biographies of Professors Morfey, Davies, Bolton and Cartmell appear below.

### Electronic submission and peer review

As a service to our authors, JSV has now adopted Elsevier's full electronic editorial system (EES) to handle all aspects of new manuscript handling, including peer review and correspondence, as of January 2006. A live link is now included on the Journal's website and you will see occasional announcements by email and in forthcoming issues of JSV.

The EES system has been tested extensively on other Elsevier journals, and modified in the light of reviewers' and authors' experiences over the last 18 months; its implementation for JSV is expected to help speed up the whole process and provide a coherent online experience for our authors. We will be pleased to have your feedback as you use this system.

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All papers should now be submitted online at: <http://ees.elsevier.com/jsv>

### Brief biographies of senior editorial appointments

**Professor Christopher L. Morfey** was appointed *European Editor* in January 2004, having retired in October 2003 from a Chair in Applied Mechanics and Biomechanics in the Institute of Sound and Vibration Research (ISVR) at the University of Southampton, UK. He currently works part-time in ISVR as a research associate, and is a member of the Southampton centre for computational aeroacoustics. Dr. Morfey is a former Silver Medallist of the Institute of Acoustics (UK), a Fellow of the Acoustical Society of America, and recipient of the AIAA Aeroacoustics award for 2002. His *Dictionary of Acoustics* was published in September 2000 by Academic Press.

**Professor Patricia Davies** received her BSc in Mathematics from the University of Bristol in 1977, and her MSc and PhD in Sound and Vibration from the University of Southampton in 1981 and 1985, respectively. Since 1987, Dr. Davies has been a faculty member at the Ray W. Herrick Laboratories, which is part of the School of Mechanical Engineering at Purdue University, where she conducts research on the development of experimental and signal processing techniques for sound and vibration problems. She has co-chaired several workshops and symposia on sound quality and is technical co-chair of Noise-Con 2005. In February 2005, she became Director of the Ray W. Herrick Laboratories and in the Spring of 2005, she was the first recipient of Purdue University's Boeing Leadership Award. Dr. Davies is a member of the Institute of Noise Control Engineering, IEEE, and the Acoustical Society of America. She is currently Vice-President of Technical Activities for the Institute of Noise Control Engineering.

**Professor Stuart Bolton** earned his MSME from the University of Toronto before going to the Institute of Sound and Vibration Research (ISVR) at Southampton University where he obtained both an MSc in Sound and Vibration and a PhD. After graduating from the ISVR in 1984, Dr. Bolton accepted a job as an Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering at Purdue University, where he is now a Full Professor and conducts his research at the Ray W. Herrick Laboratories. His major areas of research are in noise control materials, sound field visualization and sound radiation from rolling tires. He is recognized as a leading authority on the use of porous materials, such as foams, in noise control applications. In recognition of his work in the materials area, in 1997 Dr. Bolton was made a Fellow of the Acoustical Society of America, and in 1999, his teaching was recognized by the award of the Institute of Noise Control Engineering's Outstanding Educator Award.

**Professor Matthew P. Cartmell** was appointed *Associate European Editor* in May 2005. He was appointed to the Chair of Applied Dynamics in the Department of Mechanical Engineering at the University of Glasgow, UK in 1998. Professor Cartmell is a Fellow of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers and a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics. Professor Cartmell graduated with a PhD from the University of Edinburgh in 1984.