

Editorial

At the beginning of the year we took over as joint Chief Editors of the journal from Charles Pearce. Charles has been the Chief Editor of the *ANZIAM Journal* (formerly *JAMS Series B*) for many years. We would like to thank him on behalf of the wider applied mathematical community in the region for his contribution to the journal over an extended period in which both this journal and academic publishing in general have undergone significant change. It is of particular note that Charles shouldered the considerable workload almost single-handed and that he has been replaced by two people. Thanks also should be expressed to Emma Hunt who has completed her spell as Executive Editor and to Jason Whyte who has been the Technical Editor. With the change of guard several of the associate editors have decided to retire and we acknowledge the contributions of Tony Bracken, Bruce Craven, Alexei Filinkov, Jim Hill, Angus Hurst, Peter Kloeden, Adrian Koerber and Antoinette Tordesillas. We are pleased to report that Marcus Hegland, Kerry Landman and Mike Plank have agreed to join the board of associates, and there may be further additions in time.

This being the first issue of the Journal to have appeared during our tenure, we wish to take the opportunity to look forward to what we hope to bring to the journal. While many of us regret the introduction of the numerous indices which are used in assessing all manner of aspects of academic performance and standing, it is nevertheless inevitable that these are here to stay, at least for the foreseeable future, and the perceived standing of the Journal on the international stage will be in large part measured by them. We therefore aim to see the Journal take on an increasingly high profile, and this can only be done by attracting good-quality papers of potentially wide interest.

We are in the process of streamlining the submission and review process. In the past papers could be submitted to any of the Associate Editors; from now on we will require that all articles must be submitted online via the OJS. Each submission will be assessed by one of the Chief Editors and an initial determination made as to whether the paper is of potential interest. In order to clear this first hurdle papers will need both a well-written introduction that is accessible to a wide cross-section of the applied mathematical community and a cogent discussion that demonstrates that the results obtained are of relevance to an identifiable problem in applied or industrial mathematics. Only if a paper satisfies these requirements will it be passed on to an appropriate Associate Editor who will appoint referees in the normal way.

We are aware that in the past some papers have suffered an extended reviewing period. High-calibre researchers expect assessment of papers to be performed in a timely and efficient manner, and we will endeavour to ensure that this occurs. We shall, moreover, be seeking to publish an occasional special issue consisting of papers contributed by both local and international authors on themes of interest. If any readers have ideas for potential special issues we would be delighted to hear from you!

Last, the success of the Journal is dependent on the support of the applied mathematicians of the region in submitting good-quality and interesting papers. Ideally we would like to increase the proportion of papers originating from Oceania, but this can only be achieved if more such papers are submitted. We urge authors to consider submitting to the *ANZIAM Journal* more frequently than they may have previously. Together let us show that there is good and exciting industrial and applied mathematics taking place in this part of the world.

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