

We are continuing to experience a steady growth in our backlog of manuscripts awaiting publication (about 9% annually). Budget limitations preclude expanding the number of pages available per year. Therefore, we must aggressively select only the best-quality papers for publication. This is, of course, a positive step. Other actions stemming from the large backlog include: strict adherence to length standards and initiation of new pre-acceptance procedures.

The new pre-acceptance procedures were initiated last October. These procedures are substantially reducing the acceptance time by removing many of the mailing and handling steps. The long-term effect on backlog reduction remains to be determined. The net result should be a 30% reduction in the current overall time to publication. Please keep in mind, however, that the *Journal of Aircraft*, like other AIAA journals, is an archival journal. Emphasis must be given to quality if the Journal is to serve as a useful reference for a five- to ten-plus year time period. We recognize that quality and timeliness are often in conflict, and this is why we have Editors. My personal approach is to place quality first and meanwhile to do everything possible to achieve timeliness. I feel that we are making substantial progress in both areas.

How can I get my important material published in a timely manner? If this sounds like your question, then you should finish reading this paragraph. First, read the Information to Contributors on the inside back cover of your *most recent volume* of the Journal. Most of your answers to this question are contained on that page. You would be surprised at the number of substantially overlength papers we receive. I'll return papers that are 50% overlength straight back to you for shortening prior to review. This saves a lot of review time. Exceptions are survey papers, invited lectures, and historical reviews. If your paper is substantially overlength, you may want to consider breaking it into separate, self-contained

articles. Each will be independently reviewed, however, by separate reviewers. Please check your figure clarity (lettering size, stray marks, easily readable scales, good photo quality, etc.). Poor figure quality is a constant problem for us. Attention to details such as these will result in fewer changes, ease (therefore speed) of review, and overall reduction in time to publication. I solicit your comments.

I'd like to recognize the recent formation of the Aerodynamics Technical Committee. They are off to a good start. I hope many of the excellent papers presented at meeting sessions organized by this Committee find their way into this Journal.

If you check the inside front cover of the Journal you'll see many of the people who make this publication possible. Norma Brennan directs the Editorial Department with great dedication and skill. Pamela Edwards is our Managing Editor. Her constant attention to detail, assisted by Karen Goodstein and Kathleen Felix, is most appreciated. We also wish to recognize Niki Constantine's diligence in achieving quality composition. Of course, we depend heavily on the leadership and guidance of Earl Dowell, VP-Publications, and our Administrator of Technical Publications, John Newbauer.

Our International Board of Editors serve, in their respective countries, to obtain good articles depicting recent important results. We plan to publish the Fourth International Issue this year.

The dedication and thoroughness of our reviewers assure technical accuracy and importance to the technical community. Their promptness and interest in the Journal during 1982 have been most appreciated.

Thomas M. Weeks
Editor-in-Chief

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