

Announcement: A Forum for Aircraft Design

AT long last—an AIAA publications channel just for the Aircraft Design Community!!! An entirely new category has been created to simplify the timely publication of good design papers in the *Journal of Aircraft*. Regular full-length papers and Engineering Notes will continue to be processed and published as usual; design papers will appear in the new section entitled Design Forum. This new category was created by the *Journal of Aircraft* Editorial Advisory Board (the members of which are listed on the inside front cover of this issue) at the recent Aerospace Sciences Meeting in Reno. More and more of the AIAA membership and potential membership have been asking for a practical way to publish their papers dealing with aircraft design. Last year, in fact, the Aircraft Design Technical Committee expressed an interest in fostering this type of publication by nominating Conrad Newberry as a new Associate Editor to handle aircraft design papers. The Design Forum is the next major step in answer to this request from the Aircraft Design Technical Committee.

Journal of Aircraft Design Forum papers will range from design case studies of actual or notional air vehicles, to presentation of new design methodologies, to analysis of emerging trends in the design world.

Design Forum papers should be written in the same scholarly style as full-length papers and Engineering Notes. Artwork, references, mathematics, etc., will be subject to the same criteria. Design Forum papers will require an abstract, as is the case for all full-length papers, and will be approximately as long as full-length paper, 8–40 double-spaced manuscript pages.

Perhaps the major difference that will distinguish Design Forum papers from regular full-length papers is that *Design Forum papers will not undergo routine peer review*, greatly shortening the time it will take for a submitted paper to be published. Design Forum papers will occupy their own section of the Journal, just following the full-length papers. Occasionally, a set of design papers may be submitted having a common theme, in which case a guest editorial will lead off the set.

Designers—submit your papers today! Check the inside front cover of this issue for more details about submission, and please do not hesitate to send your comments regarding the Design Forum directly to me.

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