

Editorial



FIRST, on behalf of the AIAA and the aerospace community, I want to thank Don Fraser for his many years of dedicated service to the AIAA and profession. Under his guidance the *Journal of Guidance, Control, and Dynamics* has achieved an excellent international reputation. We wish him luck in his new endeavor, one in which he will certainly have many interesting challenges.

My association with the *JGCD* began in 1980 when I was an Associate Editor handling papers in Attitude Control and Dynamics. That three-year stint gave me an appreciation of the work by many people that goes into publishing a journal. I was honored this past summer when Don asked me to take over the journal. In a weak moment on top of a peak in the San Juan mountains I accepted the job. I enter this job with excitement and trepidation: excitement with being the Editor-in-Chief of this journal and serving the community in this capacity, but trepidation with the prospect of trying to fill Don's shoes. My goals are:

Maintain the quality of the journal.

Under the guidance of Dr. Fraser the *Journal of Guidance, Control, and Dynamics* has become the premier journal in guidance, control, dynamics, and navigation. I intend for *JGCD* to continue in this position of being the premier journal.

Minimize the time from submission to publication of papers.

Authors deserve to have their papers published as quickly as possible. I will keep the pressure on the Associate Editors to minimize the time required for review. This means the Associate Editors will be pressuring the reviewers to complete that thankless job of reviewing a paper when they are very busy. Reviewers, please remember that the reason for this pressure is to minimize the time required to publish the paper. I will continue to seek ways to minimize the time required to publish papers.

Continue to emphasize publication of applications-oriented papers.

I refer to the Editorial in the January–February 1990 issue. The trend away from applications papers continues and needs to be reversed. Guidance, control, and dynamics is a field of theory and applications, and the *Journal of Guidance, Control, and Dynamics* should reflect a balance between these.

Each year brings changes to our editorial team. This year Dr. John Cochran, Dr. Bernard Friedland, Dr. Jer-Nan Juang, and Dr. Bong Wie are retiring. I want to thank them for their time and dedicated service to the *Journal of Guidance, Control, and Dynamics* and AIAA. Because of the increase in papers, we are adding two more Associate Editors, so this year there will be six new Associate Editors. They are Dr. Carl Hubert of GE/Astro Space, who will be responsible for papers in dynamics; Dr. Suresh Joshi of NASA Langley Research Center, who will be responsible for papers in the dynamics and control of flexible structures; Dr. Don Mackison of the University of Colorado, who will be responsible for papers in attitude control; Dr. Landis Markley of NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, who will be responsible for papers in estimation; Dr. Ken Mease of Princeton University, who will be responsible for papers in optimization; and Dr. Robert Melton of Pennsylvania State University, who will have responsibility for astrodynamics papers. I welcome them to this position and look forward to working with the entire team of Associate Editors. The entire team is presented in the following pages.

Finally, it is my pleasure to thank another group of individuals who make this journal possible, the reviewers. Following also is a list of the reviewers for the period 1 October 1990 through 30 September 1991. Your efforts and prompt response in reviewing papers are appreciated.

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Editor-in-Chief