## **Annual Business**

THIS is the first issue of the *JGCD* that is available online to our readers, and we also celebrate with a new cover design—the first in its 24 years! Thanks to all at the AIAA who worked hard on these two projects. I asked Founding Editor Don Fraser to review his 17-year-old predictions (see previous pages) so that he could be part of this celebratory issue. His predictions were pretty good, given the funding and international situation at that time. I also wanted everyone to know that Don's 60th birthday is on 20 April, and all should send him greetings! Don has made many contributions to our profession and to the *JGCD*, and I want to thank him and wish him well for the future

As we start a new century, I am reminded that 2 October 2001 would have been the 100th birthday of Charles Stark (Doc) Draper, who was so inspirational to many of us working in guidance and control. I remember him predicting that someday everyone would wear a device on their wrist that would tell them time and position (no doubt by inertial means). Given that we already have developed an INS/GPS set that is only 8 cubic inches, I predict that in 20 years there will be a comfortable-sized personal INS/GPS wrist device that provides time and position to 1 meter accuracy anywhere on the surface of the Earth.

Looking two years ahead to the AIAA 2003 Centennial of Flight celebration, the Editors-in-Chief of the six AIAA archival journals plan to publish a series of special papers throughout the year 2003. Papers addressing Histories of Key Technologies within the scope of each journal are sought to cover all aspects of aerospace technology. For the *JGCD*, these topics are listed under "Scope" on the inside front cover. Potential authors are invited to contact me as soon as possible to discuss contributions of interest to our readers.

Several of this year's issues will contain sections of papers focused on a particular topic. Associate Editor Vivek Mukopadhyay will finish publishingpapers on the Benchmark Active Control Technology Project at NASA. Thank you, Vivek, for all your efforts in preparing the three issues that have included these BACT papers. A Number of papers to be published this year will come from the 3rd U.S.–Russian Space Surveillance Workshop held in late 1998. Guest Editors Felix Hoots and Terry Alfriend are teaming to edit and publish selected papers to provide our readers with an excellent overview of the state of the art. You, the readers, are encouraged to suggest additional focus section topics and papers for future issues.

Also with this issue, I am pleased to announce the reappointment of the several Associate Editors. For one additional year:

Arun Banerjee, Lockheed Martin Advanced Technology Center (seventh year)

Renewed for three-year terms are the following Associate Editors:

S. N. Balakrishnan, University of Missouri-Rolla (third three-year term)

Robert G. Melton, Pennsylvania State University (fourth three-year term)

Vivekanand Mukhopadhyay, NASA Langley Research Center (third three-year term)

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Jurek Sasiadek, Carleton University (second three-year term)

I would like to welcome the following new Associate Editors, who will start three-year terms:

Victoria L. Coverstone, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Dale F. Enns, Honeywell Technology Center, Minneapolis Jonathan P. How, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Mark L. Psiaki, Cornell University Karl Bilimoria, NASA Ames Research Center I want to express my thanks to our retiring Associate Editors for their distinguished service:

Mark D. Ardema, University of Santa Clara (one year) Robert H. Bishop, University of Texas at Austin (three years) Christopher D. Hall, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (six years)

Gary Hartmann, Honeywell Technology Center (three years) Felix Hoots, General Research Corporation (six years)

The complete list of current Associate Editors is presented in the following pages.

I must also express my gratitude to all our anonymous reviewers who perform the peer reviews that are necessary to maintain the quality of the *JGCD*. The list of reviewers contributing between 1 October 1999 and 30 September 2000, follows the list of Associate Editors. I apologize to any reviewers whose names have been inadvertently omitted from the list.

I would like to acknowledge our International Advisors who assist us in soliciting high-quality papers that represent technical efforts in their countries. They also assist authors who may have questions about the review process. I would like to thank our retired International Advisors: Vinod Modi, University of British Colombia, Canada, and Ichiro Nakatani, Institute of Space and Astronautical Science, Japan. I welcome as new International Advisors Yoshiaki Ohkami, National Space Development Agency, Japan, and Jurek Sasiadek, Carleton University, Canada (who is also an Associate Editor).

I also wish to acknowledge individuals serving as liaisons between the *JGCD* and AIAA Technical Committees: Richard Fought, Raytheon, with the Atmospheric Flight Mechanics TC; Pin Lu, Iowa State University, with the Guidance, Navigation and Control TC; and Lester Sackett, The Charles Stark Draper Laboratory, with the Astrodynamics TC.

Finally, my thanks to all the editorial staff at AIAA Head-quarters and the production staff at TechBooks. These dedicated individuals work at the highest standards in producing the *JGCD*. And to Lisa Gorman and Loretta Mitrano, Draper Laboratory, for making the Editor-in-chief's office operate smoothly and efficiently and to Draper Laboratory for its support of the *IGCD*.

In past editorials I have written about the progress made during the year towards meeting the goals that I have as Editor-in-Chief. The goals are 1) to maintain the quality of the *JGCD*, 2) to increase the number of engineering applications-oriented papers, 3) to minimize the time from submission to publication, 4) to increase the international involvement in the *JGCD*, and 5) to listen to and respond to everyone's concerns. Let me briefly discuss each item.

In terms of quality, the *JGCD* continues to do well in the indices compiled by the Scientific Citation Index, particularly in the categories "Total Citations" and "Impact Factor." We continue to attract high-quality papers submitted on a worldwide basis. However, the number of applications-oriented papers submitted needs to be increased, and I repeat the call to our community to respond with more relevant papers that can help engineers practice their profession.

The Associate Editors have worked hard in trying to shorten the time from submission of a paper to when the review comments are returned to the author. I am pleased that their efforts have substantially decreased the review time. For example, as of 30 June 2000, of the 307 papers submitted in 1999, only 26 (or 8%) of the papers were "older" than six months. In other words, the Associate Editor had not yet sent the initial assessment of the paper back to the authors. Our goal is to return every paper within three to six months of receipt. Thank you to our Editorial Team! Now it is up to the authors to make revisions as quickly as possible to speed their papers toward publication.

International participation in the JGCD continues to increase. Approximately 50% of new paper submittals are from outside the United States, and the acceptance rate for those papers is about the same as for U.S. papers. Publication tends to be a bit slower, however, as more of these papers need extensive editorial work and revisions of figures.

Finally, I continue to encourage communications between our readers and any member of the editorial staff. I also believe we did a good job last year in covering the span of interests of our readers and in responding quickly to communications. We can do better,

and we are willing to listen; please contact me directly. My contact information is:

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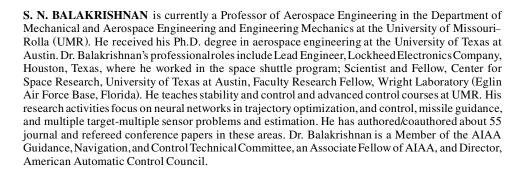
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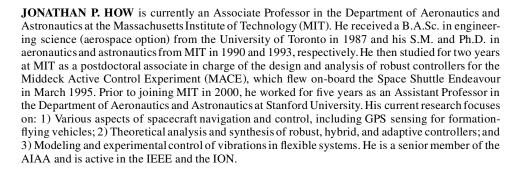


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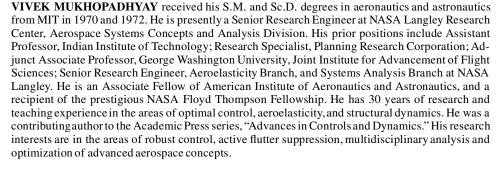


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