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Building on the Foundation

N his editorial inaugurating the Journal of Propulsion and Power, the late Gordon Oates referred to "the many capable professionals who have volunteered their time to serve as Associate Editors," Since the initial terms of those ten introduced in his editorial expired at the end of May 1987, I believe that the JPP audience should be apprised of the current status of the editorial staff. It is with great pleasure that I am able to state that eight of those initial editors have agreed to an extension of their terms. This stability allows for building on the foundation originally established for JPP. Three others have been added to the staff, allowing for an even broader base and for expansion as the number of submissions continues to grow. Both aircraft and aerospace power are represented, as is ground-based power; it is anticipated that submittals in these fields will continue to grow. An additional editor in the fields of turbomachinery and computational fluid dynamics has been added to ease the workload of the editors covering those fields. Photographs of these professionals are presented below.

Another portion of Gordon Oates' legacy to the propulsion industry is in the education field. As detailed in Dr. Heiser's editorial, Gordon was the consummate teacher, both in the classroom and in his textbooks. To perpetuate his memory, the Gordon C. Oates Airbreathing Propulsion Award is being inaugurated. Its purpose is to provide support to graduate-level students performing research in the field of airbreathing propulsion and its related disciplines. Through this award, the lasting contributions which Gordon made can continue to be singled out as students follow his leadership and example, guided in many cases by Gordon's writing. It is possible that some of the recipients will, in turn, become teachers and pass on the knowledge and training received as a benefit of the contributions of Gordon Oates—a fitting way to remember the man.