

Improved and Timely Manuscript Processing


We are pleased to announce that, effective immediately, the *AICHE Journal* will be using the Web-based Rapid Review system of Cadmus for the manuscript submission and review processes. By logging on to the URL <http://www.aiche.org/aichejournal/contr.htm>, authors will be able to electronically submit manuscripts to the *Journal*. Not only will this save authors duplication and mailing costs, but, more importantly, the manuscript will immediately enter the editorial process and a PDF file of the manuscript will be created. Authors can follow the progress of their manuscript throughout the editorial process. Instructions for submitting manuscripts electronically is posted on the *AICHE Journal* Web site <http://www.aiche.org/aichejournal/> and at the above URL address.

The editor handling the manuscript will have full access to the PDF file of the manuscript, and the *AICHE Journal* reviewer database containing more detailed information than in the past. This will insure that reviewers only receive manuscripts in their areas of interest. With the Rapid Review system, reviewers receive an e-mail request to review a manuscript. This e-mail contains the manuscript title and abstract. They are then asked to log on to the Rapid Review *AICHE Journal* site to accept or decline the invitation. If they accept, they have immediate access to the manuscript. When the review is completed, the manuscript evaluation form is also transmitted through the Web site. Once an editorial decision is made, the reviews and decision letter are electronically transmitted to the author, and accepted manuscripts are electronically transmitted to the production office.

Since all communications will be done electronically, we expect to significantly reduce the time between submission of a manuscript to the *AICHE Journal* and an editorial decision, as well as the time between acceptance and publication.

For this new process to work effectively, it is important that we have accurate information about your interests in our reviewer database. Therefore, I encourage each of you to go to the Rapid Review URL above, create a reviewer account (or enter the one we have created for you), and update your reviewer interests. Please be as specific as possible, including telling us of subject areas we should add to the current list since in this way you will only be asked to look at manuscripts of interest to you. At any time, you can update your subject areas as your interests change. Also, please submit manuscripts to the *Journal*, and accept our infrequent invitations to be a reviewer.

There is another change I want to let you know about. William Russel has accepted a major administrative post at Princeton University, and has asked to be relieved of his associate editor responsibilities. We thank Bill for his service to the *Journal* over the last two years and wish him well in his new position. He is being replaced in the Fluid Mechanics, Particle Technology and Fluidization area by Sankaran (Sundar) Sundaresan, also of Princeton University.



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