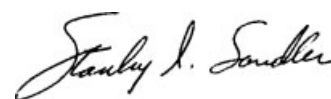


Letter from the Editor

To significantly reduce the time between acceptance of a manuscript by the *AICHE Journal* and when it first becomes available to our readers, we will be instituting a procedure referred to as “Accepted Article” workflow. After receiving the copyright transfer form for an accepted article, my office will electronically export the accepted manuscript to Wiley via ScholarOne. Thereafter, the preprint (unedited version) will be published on the Wiley/*AICHE Journal* website, accessible through the “Accepted Article” link. The article will appear in PDF form with an “Accepted Preprint” watermark. At this time the article will be assigned a digital object identifier (DOI) that will remain with it thereafter, including when it appears in print. In a short time thereafter, after the article has been copy edited and typeset, it will appear in Early View, and the preprint will be removed. With this new procedure, an accepted article can be read by others in its original form approximately within the week of acceptance, and in a copy-edited form shortly thereafter. So that there is no embarrassment as a result of the first online publication of an article, I encourage all authors to prepare their manuscripts carefully.

All print publications, including the *AICHE Journal*, have an annual page budget set by the society and/or the publisher. If the page budget is being exceeded, it can either be increased in midyear at additional expense to the AIChE and Wiley, or the page budget can be maintained unchanged with a greater lag between when an article is accepted and when it appears in print. Presently, the *AICHE Journal*, like many other publications, is under a page budget freeze, so there may be an increased time between acceptance and print publication of articles; this situation does not affect online publication and is largely ameliorated by the Accepted Article workflow and Early View procedures discussed above. However, authors can help me reduce the time between acceptance and print publication by being concise in their manuscripts, and making greater use of Supplementary Information for long tables, figures, detailed derivations and other information that is interesting and useful, but not central to the presentation. By cooperating in this way, your article will appear in print more rapidly.



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