



Editorial

The publication of Volume 27 is an important point in the history of the *International Journal of Heat and Fluid Flow*. Professor Frank Schmidt is stepping down and so we have a new Co-Editor-in-Chief who will work alongside Professor Nobuhide Kasagi and Professor Brian Launder to ensure that the Journal continues the success it has enjoyed since 1979, as the pre-eminent publication dealing with heat and fluid flow.

In 1983, Frank became Co-Editor-in-Chief for North America at the invitation of Professors Marsh and Martin. As a leading figure in heat transfer and computational fluid dynamics research and a past Chairman of the Heat Transfer Division of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Frank was a valuable and high-profile contributor to the Journal. His contributions have consistently served to broaden the Journal's base of expertise and promote the international exchange of information that is crucial to the further development in the fields of applied fluid mechanics and heat transfer.

I am grateful for Frank's record of distinguished service, particularly given that the editorship is a volunteer position and the editor must find time to fulfil the function which competes with other responsibilities. Naturally, I am personally delighted that Frank has agreed to continue his association with the *International Journal of Heat and Fluid Flow* by serving as an Editor-at-Large. On behalf of all those at Elsevier who have worked with Frank, I offer my thanks. It has been a pleasure to work with him.

For the future, I am delighted to announce the appointment of Dr. Thomas B. Gatski as Frank's replacement. Tom has served as Associate Editor of the journal and Nobuhide Kasagi, Brian Launder and myself are fully confident that he will continue to develop the journal which goes from strength to strength. We are confident that Tom Gatski's appointment will continue to provide direct access to publication for authors in North America. We are delighted that Tom has agreed to assume the position of Co-Editor-in-Chief and look forward to working together to ensure the future development of the Journal.

I am also delighted to announce the appointment of a new Associate Editor in Japan, Professor Shinnosuke Obi from Keio University. In 2006, Professor Obi will work alongside the current Associate Editor Professor Yoshida who will retire from the journal at the end of this year.

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