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## A FRESH START

A new responsibility is always a challenge with unknown consequences. After nine years of retirement, I am looking forward to serving as editor of this fine journal. As the transition from Dr. Arno Schniewind's editorship proceeded, it soon became apparent how well organized the data base had become under his able administration. Arno's patience in demonstrating the system to a virtual illiterate in the use of personal computers is really appreciated. The job is well computerized for easy tracking of all the steps involved in producing a published article with forms, tables, and software for the necessary correspondence with the authors and reviewers. It is now up and running at this new location and should assure that all manuscripts will be handled efficiently with minimal possibility of loss. I am indeed fortunate to inherit this system and one of my primary concerns is to preserve it to, in turn, pass it on to my successor.

Included in the data bank is a classified list of our reviewers on whom we depend for critical and relatively prompt peer review of our manuscripts. Of course this can be constantly edited by the additions of the names of any others willing to accept this responsibility. Such a duty has its benefits in permitting the reviewer to preview the results of colleagues in the same field of research. Anyone desiring to serve as a reviewer is urged to contact me.

Another challenge often emerging from retirement was the conversion of my work into SI units. This was none too soon, but better late than never. It is my hope that future authors will follow suit by placing their numerical results in SI units with engineering or other units in parentheses if desired.

My second wish as new editor is for a special effort on the part of authors for brevity in their presentations. The additional work necessary to accomplish this will be a great benefit to the quality of the journal as well as to our readers. A published paper is most effective when stripped to its bare essentials. Details can always be obtained by correspondence with the authors by the interested readers.

Your comments and suggestions are welcomed.

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