EDITORIAL

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“Publication Changes, Journal Content, and the Editorial Board”

This issue marks a watershed for the *Journal of Computing in Civil Engineering*. Beginning with volume 20 in 2006 we will publish six issues per year instead of four, i.e. the *JCCE* is transforming from a quarterly journal to a bi-monthly journal.

The reason for this change is that the number of submissions to the *JCCE* is increasing and consequently, the number of papers that are being published is increasing. But, while that is a positive and highly desirable outcome, these papers also initiate a cascading series of events in the publications pipeline that affects the publication queue by extending the time from acceptance to publication. Under no circumstances do we desire delays in the publication process of accepted papers.

A key advantage of publishing bi-monthly will be to reduce the publication backlog and speed up publication times. But doing so also facilitates author participation in the *JCCE* and promotes more rapid dissemination of critical knowledge. Moving to a bi-monthly publication will enable us to better engage authors, increase the size of the issues over time, and get papers into the hands of readers more often. It also brings the *JCCE* to the reader's attention more often.

This issue also opens with a paper that the editors have assembled to tell you more about the *JCCE* itself. A similar paper was previously published in 1997 on the 10th anniversary of the *JCCE*. This paper brings a more up to date reporting on the content of the *JCCE*. We hope that it will give you insight and new knowledge about some of the exciting things happening in the world of computing in civil engineering.

I would also draw your attention to the editorial board. We have a group of associate editors and a co-editor who have committed to bringing a technically sound journal to the readership. You are encouraged to contact them and consult with them when you are ready to submit a paper. It is my expectation that they will work with you to enable you to publish the best paper that you can. Obtaining meaningful feedback from the editors and from the reviewers is critical to your doing so. You are requested to send your submission electronically to ASCE (not directly to the editors), but please feel free to communicate openly with any of our editors.

I hope that you will continue to publish in the journal if you have done so, and that you will consider doing so if you have not previously published. Also note that we are always seeking good papers, guest editors for special issues, future associate editors, and those willing to write meaningful and insightful editorials. Please contact me or my co-editor, Professor Hani Melhem, if you would like to be involved in any activities of the *JCCE*.

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