



Editorial

My best wishes to all of you for a healthy and happy 2010.

JPVT experienced some very positive changes in 2009. The journal is now published six times a year; February, April, June, August, October and December with an annual page allocation of 900 pages. These changes have significantly reduced the time between paper submission and paper publication.

Thanks to outgoing *JPVT* Associate Editors Poh-Sang Lam, Michel Pettigrew and Mahendra Rana. Their contributions of time and expertise have helped to make *JPVT* an outstanding journal and are much appreciated.

We welcome three new Associate Editors to *JPVT*: Hakim Bouzid in the Computer Technology and Bolted Joints areas, Som Chattopadhyay in the Codes and Standards area and Zhangzhi Cen as an Associate Editor at Large. Congratulations on your appointment and welcome to *JPVT*.

This is an appropriate time and place to mention and to thank the very large number of people who give their time and expertise to make *JPVT* possible. The success of the journal would be impossible without them. Associate Editors are chosen for a three year term, with the possibility of a one-time term renewal. Their primary responsibility is to oversee the peer review process; including assigning qualified reviewers, ensuring timely completion of reviews and maintaining the journal's commitment to standards of high quality. Associate Editors are often responsible for the review of multiple papers at any given time. Reviewers must be both objective and subjective as they fulfill their responsibility; they must be objective in the sense that they must eliminate any personal or corporate bias toward the author or subject and must be subjective in evaluating the paper based on their own personal knowledge and experiences in a technical field. Reviewers may also be assigned to multiple papers at any given time. As Editor my primary responsibility is to oversee the technical content and operation of the journal; accepting or rejecting all materials considered for publication, working directly with ASME on publication logistics and ultimately ensuring the continued excellence of *JPVT*. Of course, the journal would be impossible without the Authors; their research, ingenuity and dedication to the pressure vessel and piping industry. Thanks to all of you for your contributions.

In 2010 ASME will offer a new service for all of its journals. Authors of the Transactions journals can submit material supplemental to their papers. Any supplementary material to a journal paper will be reviewed by both editors and reviewers. Such ma-

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In Memoriam: This issue of the journal is dedicated to Manfred Lengsfeld; a dear friend, a long-time participant in PVP conferences and author for *JPVT*. His extensive knowledge of pressure vessel codes and standards and his ability to find innovative design solutions will be sorely missed by all of us in the profession.

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