



# Technical Editor's Page

It is a pleasure for me to greet you, the readers, as the new Technical Editor of the ASME *Journal of Energy Resources Technology*. I assumed this position on January 1, 1996. I am a Petroleum Engineer by education, a Professor of Petroleum Engineering at The University of Tulsa for the past 30 years, and currently direct two large research programs dealing with multiphase flow in pipes. I have been a member of ASME for the past 10 years, am active in the Petroleum Division, and served as an Associate Technical Editor of the JERT from 1983–1992.

The JERT has matured significantly over the past 10 years, thanks to the excellent leadership of Özer Arnas. I have an interest in expanding the JERT in every aspect: number of articles, number of pages, number of subscriptions, prestige. Working with some of the Associate Technical Editors, we have developed the following Mission Statement:

The ASME *Journal of Energy Resources Technology* seeks to publish high-quality, scholarly articles pertinent to members of the supporting divisions, through a vigorous and efficient solicitation and review process that makes the JERT a journal of choice for potential authors and subscribers.

As the new Technical Editor, I hope to follow Dr. Arnas' successful style of publishing a broad range of technical articles within the energy resources area. Specifically, my goals as Technical Editor include:

- Improve the quality of published articles.
- Maintain the number of articles published from the Advanced Energy Systems, Fuels and Combustion Technologies, and Ocean Engineering Divisions, while increasing the number of scholarly articles from the Petroleum Division in general, and especially from Petroleum Engineering academia.
- Encourage authors of SPE preprints to submit them for review by the JERT.
- Seek ASME member subscription rate for SPE members.
- Expand the number of subscriptions from both the ASME Petroleum Division and from SPE members.
- Strive for a nine-month maximum turnaround for qualified articles from the date of submission to publication in a JERT issue.
- Advertise the JERT over Internet by developing a web page that includes: a list of journal essentials—Technical Editor, Associate Technical Editors, Information for Authors, and “Offer of a Technical Paper” (Form 1903); a Bulletin Board for comments; a data bank of past articles; abstracts of articles scheduled for the next issue and for the past few issues; a searchable index for the JERT; and Paper Review forms.

Two types of articles will be introduced in future issues that have been rare in the JERT. Technical Briefs are an excellent way to present new computing algorithms, experience with new measurement devices, evaluation studies, etc. Periodic review articles from leading authorities will also be published.

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