



Announcement

Robert M. McMeeking Appointed Editor of the *Journal of Applied Mechanics*

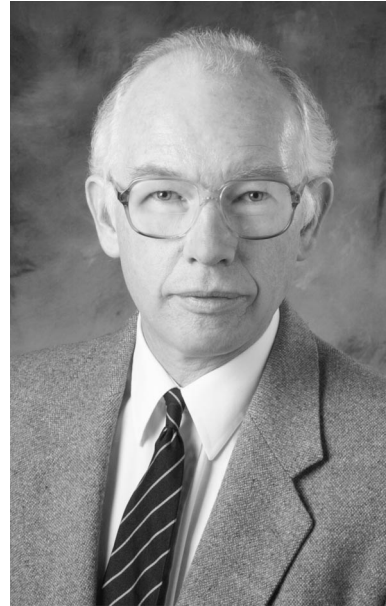
Dr. Robert M. McMeeking, Professor of Mechanical Engineering at the University of California at Santa Barbara, has been appointed Editor of the *Journal of Applied Mechanics* for a five-year term starting on July 1, 2002. He succeeds Dr. Lewis T. Wheeler who has served in this position since January 1993.

After nearly ten years at the helm of the Journal, Lewis Wheeler will step down on June 30, 2002. We thank him for his leadership and service to the international mechanics community in general and to the Applied Mechanics Division of the ASME in particular. Under his leadership the Journal has maintained its position as a premier journal in mechanics. Recent changes enacted including the increase of the page limit on manuscripts from six to nine pages, the switch from quarterly to bimonthly publication, a faster processing time and a new printing process should help make the Journal an even more attractive place to publish.

Robert McMeeking earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Glasgow and Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy degrees in Solid Mechanics from Brown University. From 1978 to 1985 he was on the faculty of the Department of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Since 1985 he has been a Professor of Mechanical Engineering and Environmental Engineering at UC-Santa Barbara where he has also served two terms as Department Chair. He is a Fellow of the ASME and has served as Associate Editor of the *Journal of Applied Mechanics* for six years.

McMeeking's research interests span the field of solid mechanics with particular emphasis on mechanics of materials and computational aspects. His publications include works in finite deformation plasticity, inelastic fracture, toughening mechanisms in ceramics, bimaterial fracture, powder consolidation, failure of composites, ferroelectrics, etc. Robert McMeeking will bring to the editorship a strong connection with materials science which is an important driver of many modern applied mechanics efforts.

This appointment represents the conclusion of a more than twelve-month search conducted by the Executive Committee in



consultation with past editors of the Journal and past AMD chairs. McMeeking was selected from a strong field of candidates. His selection and this five-year appointment were approved by the ASME Publications Committee at the 2001 IMECE meeting. On behalf of the AMD Executive Committee we extend a warm welcome to Robert McMeeking to this most prominent appointment and assure him the support of the Division in his efforts to bring the Journal to even higher levels of excellence.

Stelios Kyriakides
for the AMD Executive Committee

Notice on JAM Correspondence

Effective July 1, 2002, all correspondence concerned with previously submitted articles and all new manuscript submissions should be directed to:

Professor R. M. McMeeking, Editor
Journal of Applied Mechanics
Department of Mechanical and Environmental Engineering
University of California
Santa Barbara, CA 93106