



# Editorial

One of my first initiatives as the new Editor of the Journal of Mechanical Design in early 2003 was to increase the number of Associate Editors, to reduce the individual review management burden. The three-year terms of these colleagues come to an end this year, and I cannot express often enough or strongly enough the importance of their contribution to the success of our research community.

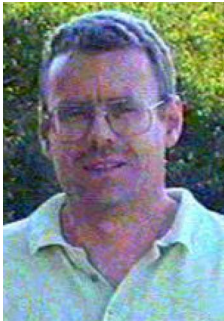
I am pleased to introduce two new Associate Editors, who will serve our community beyond my five-year term as Editor:

Philippe Velex, Institut National des Sciences Appliquées de Lyon (INSA Lyon) for the Power Transmissions and Gearing Technical Area.

Mary Frecker, Pennsylvania State University for the Mechanisms and Robotics Technical Area.

It is an honor to work with such outstanding colleagues throughout the world as they assemble review teams to provide detailed assessments of papers submitted to the Journal of Mechanical Design. This is an ongoing conversation between authors and reviewers that is a hidden benefit of our review process.

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