

Our research community has benefited from the hard work of all of our Associate Editors and I would like to recognize seven whose terms have ended this year. You and even some of them may not realize that their terms have ended because I have extended some of their terms for a few months while I work with the new Technical Editor to put his team in place.

They are:

Professor David B. Dooner, Department of Mechanical Engineering, University of Puerto Rico, Technical Area: Power Transmission and Gearing.

Professor Kemper E. Lewis, Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, University at Buffalo, The State University of New York, Technical Area: Design Automation.

Professor Hashem Ashrafiun, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Villanova University, Technical Area: Mechanisms and Robotics.

Professor Teik Lim, Department of Mechanical, Industrial and Nuclear Engineering, University of Cincinnati, Technical Area: Power Transmission and Gearing.

Professor Shapour Azarm, Department of Mechanical Engineering, University of Maryland, Technical Area: Design Automation.

Professor Larry L. Howell, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Brigham Young University, Technical Area: Mechanisms and Robotics.

Professor Thomas R. Chase, Department of Mechanical Engineering, University of Minnesota, Technical Area: Mechanisms and Robotics.

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Please take a moment in the International Design Engineering Technical Conference, which occurs 4–7 September 2007 in Las Vegas, Nevada to thank them personally.

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