

Editorial

Mécanique & Industries – Mechanics & Industry

This year sees the journal draped in international dress. The intention and purpose of the AFM (French Society of Mechanics) and of the editor committee is to ensure that the journal enjoys an international audience and is world-wide recognized by a high quality publication which disseminates state of the art knowledge and scientific breakthroughs. It is the journal express scope to serve the community of mechanics with no distinction of pertinent research domain or citizenship.

The first step towards the internationalization of the journal was taken in June 2008 when the journal was co-opted in the ISI's Science Citation Index Expanded. Today the evolution continues and is taking place at several levels: together with the expansion of the journal leadership in the form of appointments of new associate editors-in-chief, new foreign associate editors, a new subtitle *Mechanics & Industry* was added; it is also planned to encourage publication of the majority of articles in English, making the journal a bilingual publication. It is noted that the website and the software for the review process are evolving in the same direction.

So, the journal acknowledges and welcomes the new associate editors-in-chief: Prof. Renée Gatignol (Univ. P. & M. Curie, Paris), Prof. Valder Steffen (Univ. Federale Uberlandia, Brazil) and Prof. Fabricio Scarpa (Univ. of Bristol, UK). A warm welcome is also extended to the new members of the associate editor committee: Prof. Jack Braun (Univ. of Akron, USA), Prof. Wilfried Eichseder (Univ. of Leoben, Austria), Prof. Evgeni Fedorovich (Univ. of Oklahoma, USA), Prof. Jean-Philippe Ponthot (Univ. de Liège, Belgium), Prof. Marcel Lacroix (Univ. Sherbrooke, Canada) and Prof. Jian Lu (Hong Kong Polytechnic). The new structure of the committee is one more proof to the journal commitment to high quality work and internationalization of the content.

It is clear that in addition to a strong editorial board the successful development of *Mechanics & Industry* requires an unwavering commitment of the academic and industrial communities through submission of high quality manuscripts and providing expertise for their technical review.

These communities are invited to respond as enthusiastically as possible to requests for expert review, consider with priority the possibility of publishing in *Mechanics & Industry*, and not hesitate to recommend and refer publication of original work in this journal. Such a responsive attitude and sustained activity are the main guarantee of the reputation of *Mechanics & Industry* in the international scientific community.

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