

Letter from the editor: Selection of the Volume 8 (2015) best paper

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I am pleased to announce that the following paper has been selected to receive *Building Simulation*'s Best Paper Award for Volume 8 (2015):

Khan MAI, Delbosc N, Noakes CJ, Summers J (2015). Real-time flow simulation of indoor environments using lattice Boltzmann method. *Building Simulation*, 8(4): 405–414.

The selection of the best paper is based on nominations from the Journal's editorial board members, as well as the recommendation of an award selection committee consisting of Bert Blocken (chair), Madjid Madjidi, and Carsten Rode. I thank them for their time and effort in selecting the awardee from among the many excellent papers published in 2015.

As agreed by the Journal's publishers, the selected paper will be posted on the Journal's website for free access for a certain duration.

Recently, the publishers have released the report of *Building Simulation*'s progress in 2015. Here are a few encouraging numbers:

(1) Paper submissions continue to grow. The distribution of submissions among major continents is nearly satisfactory, although more are expected from North America and Europe.

(2) Total downloads in 2015 has reached 26 882.

(3) We are fast! Average days to first decision are only 37 days in 2015. In most cases, processing time from original submission to final disposition should be within three or four months.

(4) Impact Factor in 2014 is 1.029, which placed *Building Simulation* in Q2 among all 59 Construction & Building Technology journals.

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