Reflection and reviewers appreciation

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Two years after the restructuring of RED, it is appropriate to reflect on the process and its outcome. The details of the restructuring could be found in a previous editorial (V21, no. 2) and included mainly the addition of the area editors that are responsible for submission handling within particular areas of expertise. Two years later, the editorial board team certainly provides better service to authors. We are gradually approaching our targets for timely review of papers but we are not yet there; some papers still take too long to review, and some papers are returned to authors with two reviews only. Nevertheless, feedback from authors suggests that by and large, we do provide good reviews that are written by reviewers that are experts in the subject matter of the papers.

Due to these improvements, we have moved from a situation where we had just the needed number of papers to publish issues, to a situation where we have a queue of papers waiting to be published on the web (Online First™). We anticipate that this queue will increase slightly even though last year, we increased the number of pages per issue from about 65 to 80 and we intend to extend this page count further next year. In order to support this operation and continue to improve the quality of the journal as we did last year, next year will be devoted to renew and strengthen the editorial board and improve the process of selecting reviewers. We will also develop better guidelines for reviewers so that the reviews will help editors make their decisions and authors will get the guidance they need for improving their papers.

This new issue marks the ending of 2011 and it is time to thank all the reviewers who contributed their precious

time to review papers and provide valuable comments to authors. This effort maintains and improves the high quality of the journal. The following are the reviewers, other than editorial board members, who contributed their reviews in 2011:

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