Editorial

Even Greater than the Sum of Its Parts

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I am delighted to announce the merger of *Fire Technology* and the *Journal of Fire Protection Engineering*. This is the first joint issue of the two journals, as *Fire Technology* becomes the joint official journal of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and the Society of Fire Protection Engineering (SPFE).

As Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Fire Protection Engineering*, Ron Alpert has superbly led the journal. The merge takes place precisely 1 year after I became Editor in Chief of *Fire Technology* after Jack Watts retired. It is an honour for me to follow their steps, and I hope to do nearly as well as they have done. To help me in this undertaking, the Editorial Board has been expanded to reflect the merger, and we are happy to count upon a larger panel of experts to support *Fire Technology*.

The consolidation of these two leading journals creates a publishing venue even greater than the sum of its parts. The influence and readership of *Fire Technology* in the field of fire protection engineering is now two orders of magnitude larger than any other journal. Moreover, the merger upholds the two prestigious annual prizes, the Harry C. Bigglestone Award given by the Fire Protection Research Foundation and the Jack Bono Award for Engineering Communications given by The Society of Fire Protection Engineers' Educational and Scientific Foundation.

Fire Technology will continue pushing forward the frontiers of knowledge and technology, and provide for research and education in fire safety engineering. I would like to finish, as I did in my first 2013 editorial, with the wise words of the German writer, Goethe (1749–1832), who said “*Knowing is not enough, we must apply. Willing is not enough, we must do.*”

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