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This issue marks the beginning of the *Building Simulation*'s 7th year of service to the building simulation community. The journal is undergoing rapid growth in many ways. One indicator of its growth is the increasing number of high quality submissions we receive every week. This reflects the increasing number of research activities in this field and the trust of many distinguished authors to publish in our journal.

To meet this increasing demand from both our readers and authors, the publishers and editors have decided to change the journal publication frequency from quarterly to bi-monthly, effective Issue 1, Vol. 7 (2014). By making this change, we expect to double the number of research papers published each year, reaching 60–70 articles each year.

Let me assure you that the quality control and timeliness of the manuscript review process will not be affected by this change. We will further tighten the quality control by imposing higher standards in accepting papers. To ensure timely review during our two-round double-blind review process, we have set a target of 6 months from a paper's

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