

Building simulation: Looking back on year one

It has been a full year since the official launch of *Building Simulation*. Looking back on 2008, we can certainly say that our most notable success was to gain substantial recognition from the international community. Many colleagues have expressed to me their enthusiasm to see this new journal being published. I am always delighted when someone tells me our journal is useful to his or her work.

In my editorial from our inaugural issue, I emphasized that the quality of papers is always a top priority for the journal. We have therefore implemented strict standards in our manuscript review process. All submitted papers are prescreened according to the journal's aims, scope and format, reviewed by multiple peer reviewers using a double-blind format, and then carefully evaluated by both an associate editor and the Editor-in-Chief. In 2008, a total of 31 technical papers underwent this review process and were published, including 4 review articles, 26 research articles, and 1 technical note. These articles encompass important topics related to building performance simulation and fall under one of the journal's five topical domains:

- A. Building thermal, lighting, and acoustics modeling
(editor: Prof. Yi Jiang)
- B. Building systems and components
(editor: Prof. Jean Lebrun)
- C. Indoor/outdoor airflow and air quality
(editor: Prof. Xudong Yang)
- D. Architecture and human behavior
(editor: Prof. Ali Malkawi)
- E. Advances in modeling and simulation tools
(editor: all the above editors)

Beginning with Volume 1, the journal established the annual Best Paper Awards. Selection of the Award-winning papers is based on nominations from the Editorial Board members and the recommendation of an Award Selection Committee. I am pleased to announce that the following two papers have received a Best Paper Award for Volume 1 (2008) of *Building Simulation*:

- Monika Woloszyn and Carsten Rode (2008). Tools for performance simulation of heat, air and moisture conditions of whole buildings. *Building Simulation*, 1(1): 5 – 24.

- Brian D. Erickson and Zhiqiang (John) Zhai (2008). Evaluation of ventilation code requirements for building crawl spaces. *Building Simulation*, 1(4): 311 – 325.

I would like to thank members of the Editorial Board for their nominations and, in particular, the Award Selection Committee members William Nazaroff (chair), Christopher Chao and Jianshun Zhang who worked hard and effectively to make the final recommendations.

Beginning in Volume 2 (2009), the journal will have a new layout and font style that we feel is more professional and user-friendly. By incorporating these changes into existing advanced features such as color printing, we aim to provide to our readers with a journal that has the best possible appearance.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the authors who contributed to *Building Simulation* as well as all invited reviewers for carefully evaluating the manuscripts. Initiating and running an international journal is a team effort. I am indebted to all of the Editorial Board members, associate editors (Profs. Yi Jiang, Jean Lebrun, Ali Malkawi), the publishing editor (Ms. Jie Zeng), assistant editors (Drs. Bin Zhao and Da Yan), and editorial assistants (Ms. Fang Wang and Ms. Jill Baumgartner) for their hard work. Last but not least, the publishers of our journal, Tsinghua University Press and Springer render tremendous support without which this journal would not be possible.

On behalf of the journal's entire Editorial Board, I invite you to submit your review or research papers to *Building Simulation*, and also invite your readership to this international journal.

I wish you all a productive and joyful 2009!

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