

Letter from the editor

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Building Simulation has gone through another successful year in 2017:

- 1) 74 full-length articles were published in Volume 10 (2017), totaling 1044 pages, increased by 30% and 42%, respectively, over 2016.
- 2) The total submissions in 2017 increased by 13% compared to that in 2016. The rejection rate was 77%.
- 3) Total successful full-text downloads were 28,277.
- 4) Average duration to the first decision was 31 days. Average durations to final disposition for accepted and rejected papers were 138 days and 20 days, respectively.
- 5) Impact Factor was 1.170.

The success would not be possible without the help of our dedicated editorial board members, authors, reviewers, and of course, readers.

As a tradition to promote more high quality submissions, each year the Journal selects a “best paper” for the year. Selection of the best papers is first based on nominations from the Journal’s editorial board members, and then recommended by an award selection committee. Last year’s committee consists of Wan-ki Chow (chair), Hazim Awbi, and John Lin. I thank them for their time and effort in selecting the awardees from among the many excellent papers published in 2017. Following their recommendation, it is my pleasure to announce that the following paper has

been selected to receive *Building Simulation*’s Best Paper Award for Volume 10 (2017):

Xue Y, Zhai Z (2017). Inverse identification of multiple outdoor pollutant sources with a mobile sensor. *Building Simulation*, 10(2): 255–263.

The above paper is being posted on the Journal’s website with free access for a certain duration. Congratulations to the authors!

Furthermore, I would like to express sincere thanks to Dr. Clinton Andrews from Rutgers University and Dr. Bing Dong from The University of Texas, San Antonio, who are the Guest Editors for the topical issue on “Applications of Occupant Behavior Modeling” of Volume 10, Issue 6.

This year, the Journal is celebrating its 10-year anniversary. A special issue containing review or research articles that summarize the state-of-the-art or tackle the most pressing issues is being planned. We expect that this special issue will have broad international significance and represent new research directions.

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