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It is my honor to be the Editor-in-Chief of *Building Simulation*, succeeding Professor Xudong Yang, the founding Editor-in-Chief. The Journal is undergoing rapid growth in many ways.

To meet the increasing demand from both our readers and authors, the Journal has decided to change the publishing frequency from bi-monthly to monthly, effective Issue 1, Vol. 15 (2022). We will now publish approximately 120 articles annually. We will also further improve our quality control for accepting papers. Meanwhile, we are taking measures to speed up the review process to ensure timely, high-quality review and fast publication.

Let me share the progress of *Building Simulation*:

- 1) The Impact Factor of *Building Simulation* has reached a new high, 3.751, according to 2020 Journal Citation Reports by Web of Science (Clarivate Analytics). *Building Simulation* is in the first quartile (Q1) (14/62), for the first time, among the journals of the Thermodynamics category, and in the forefront of Q2 (20/66) among the journals of the Construction & Building Technology category.
- 2) *Building Simulation* has published 120 review articles and research papers in Volume 14 (2021), totaling 1862 pages, an increase of 23% and 29% over 2020, respectively.
- 3) The yearly submissions, total downloads, and total citations are all increasing rapidly and steadily.

4) The rejection rate has been greater than 75% annually for the last 5 years.

5) Cover articles have been launched in *Building Simulation* in 2021. Authors have been invited to submit eye-catching cover images to attract interest in their research.

The Journal's success would not have been possible without the enthusiastic support and contribution of our dedicated editorial board members, authors, reviewers, and, of course, our readers. Moving forward, to promote the Journal's development, we are attaching great importance to the quality of manuscripts. We are paying close attention to recent hotspots and inviting papers on topical issues. The topics include the new development of building simulation software, assessments of the potential to achieve the decarbonization target in the building sectors, etc. We expect these topical issues will have broad international significance and represent new research directions.

As we implement these changes and efforts, I would like to take a moment to thank our authors, reviewers, readers, editorial board members, and publishers for contributing to the Journal's success. With their support and assistance, our Journal can achieve its goal and founding mission and continue to provide in-depth and effective communication on various topics. We look forward to your continued readership and article submissions to *Building Simulation*.

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