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Dear readers!

I led the journal in the position of Editor-in-Chief since 1988. This was a difficult period in the country's life. It was difficult for the journal as well. These were the years in which very rapid development of thermal power engineering gave way to the period of stagnation and decline of production. Accordingly, the years of intense development of thermal power engineering as science gave place to the period in which many scientific research works were curtailed, and new developments in construction of machinery and equipment for thermal and nuclear power industries became much fewer in number.

Forced to work under such conditions, the Editorial Board of the journal saw its top-priority task in development of and offering support to scientific search in new avenues, such as automation of thermal processes on the basis of modern information technologies, environmental problems of thermal power engineering, mastering the use and development of combined-cycle power plants, comprehensive use of fossil fuels, new technologies of water treatment at thermal and nuclear power stations, enhancement of

heat-transfer processes in components of power equipment, renewable sources of energy, and many others.

We have succeeded to a considerable degree in retaining the circle of authors and leading positions of the journal, and its prestige among scientists and engineers.

At present, we are facing the need of technically refitting the thermal power industry, imparting proper momentum to its technological development, and organizing and carrying out new scientific and engineering research works.

The journal has always adhered to the policy of reasonable renewal and rejuvenation of the Editorial Board, and this process took place constantly. In this connection, I would like to wish the renewed Editorial Board and its new Editor-in-Chief, Corresponding Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences Aleksandr Viktorovich Klimenko success in meeting the complex challenges faced by the journal.

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