

# Editorial



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Editor

In this first issue of 2007, it is my pleasure to start with an editorial, as the new editor of the journal. In forthcoming issues, other persons active within *fib* will be invited to write a guest editorial, which will allow them to present their viewpoint on a topic of their choice, to give some background information about specific journal papers or to highlight activities of *fib* commissions or task groups.

On this occasion I would like to thank the previous editors, Andrew Beeby and Jean-Philippe Fuzier, for all the efforts they have made to bring the journal up to where it is today. Since the appearance of the first issue in 2000, *Structural Concrete* has evolved to a mature and professionally recognised journal

which is appreciated not only within *fib*, but also by the concrete community in a broad sense. My appreciation also extends to the members of the editorial board who contribute to the journal by soliciting papers, reviewing manuscripts and suggesting improvements to the concepts and lay-out of the journal. In the near future we will gradually try to attract some new members in order to broaden the professional expertise and geographical network of the board.

During the years I served as deputy editor, I learned to appreciate very much the efforts made at Thomas Telford, the journal's publishers. I would like to mention in particular Margaret Tomlinson, editorial coordinator, who manages the 'day-to-day' work, including the review process. She works in close cooperation with Laura Thommen-Vidale at the *fib* secretariat in Lausanne, who is responsible for the editorial aspects of the *fib*-news newsletter, an integral part of the journal.

A new development is that authors can submit papers to the journal via the internet by using the website [www.editorialmanager.com/sc](http://www.editorialmanager.com/sc). Upon submission one immediately receives confirmation of receipt. This is an important development for the journal, one that is required to support our growing needs. Please register and have a look at the system, which will allow us to further reduce the time between paper submission and publication.

Finally, I welcome Steinar Helland as new deputy editor, and who has also served on the editorial board since the start of the journal. He represents the practitioners' world, thus balancing my academic background. Together with the editorial board, we will do our utmost to further improve the quality of the journal while keeping the same concept as before, that is publishing high-level, original and peer-reviewed papers related to the research, design and practice of structural concrete.