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Editorial

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Water Management has now been in existence for a year following the split of *Water and Maritime Engineering* into the *Water Management* and *Maritime Engineering* journals. The main aim of the journal has been to attract a broader range of papers, particularly from the applied researchers and practitioners (including consultants, contractors, managers and planners) working in the traditional fields, such as river engineering, water supply and water treatment, and in the increasingly important fields of flood risk management, catchment management, EU Water Framework Directive issues, groundwater and contaminated land and hydroinformatics—to mention but a few. The other key aim of the Editorial Panel was to attract more papers from overseas authors and promote the subject of water management to a wider international readership and audience. In this respect we also appointed a number of distinguished water engineers and managers from various continents, with a view to assisting the Editorial Panel in achieving this latter aim.

On behalf of the Editorial Panel, we are delighted with the outcome of the journal in its first year. In the March issue we had six papers covering a range of river engineering topics, from scouring to managed riverbank vegetation and flood hydrographs, with half of the papers coming from non-UK authors. In the June issue we are pleased to report that all of the papers came from overseas authors, two from India plus papers from Turkey and Belgium. These papers ranged from hydraulic jumps, to vortex-induced scour around bridge piers. The September issue covered topics ranging from privatising the water services in developing countries, to dispersion in rivers, multi-stage filtration for developing world surface water

treatment and design guidelines for alternative suction inlets. In this latest issue papers range from construction and stability of flood defences, to water treatment systems, treatment of sulphate-enriched wastewaters and wind-induced lake circulation. There are still a large number of topics not yet covered in the new journal, including such topics as groundwater flow and pollution, river basin management plans, hydroinformatics and weather radar and rainfall prediction—to mention but a few—and the Editorial Panel would be delighted to receive papers on these topics, as well as others, both from UK and overseas authors.

We are also delighted to report that, following the split of the journal from the previous well-established journal *Water and Maritime Engineering*, the new journal has now been placed on the Science Citation Index. This will be a particularly important development for authors from universities and research institutes and we continue to look forward to receiving applied research papers from authors in such research-orientated institutions.

Finally, the Editorial Panel would like to acknowledge the support and comments that we have received about the new journal from subscribers and readers, and we are grateful to all those subscribers to *Water and Maritime Engineering* who have continued to subscribe to this journal. The journal now has one of the widest and largest subscriber circulations in water engineering and management worldwide and we welcome any comments or suggestions that you may have on how we can continue to develop this journal for the future.