

Letter from the Editor

This year marks the 25th year of publication of the *Journal of Testing and Evaluation*; Vol. 1, No. 1 appeared in January 1973. At its inception, the *Journal* was issued bimonthly for \$18.00 per volume (\$14.40 for ASTM members) with all editorial functions, including selection and evaluation of technical content, performed by ASTM staff personnel. The editorial structure of the *Journal* changed after twelve years of publication, with the formation of an editorial board in 1985. The first technical editor, a nonstaff position, was named in 1986. Professor Alan Wolfenden of Texas A&M University served as technical editor for Vols. 14 through 19. A set of editorial objectives was published in Vol. 14, followed by Wolfenden's rationale in Vol. 14, No. 3. He was succeeded as technical editor in 1992 by Dr. Donald R. Petersen of Greenleaf Associates, Vols. 20 to present. The new position of associate editor was filled by Professor Richard Link, Ph.D., of the U.S. Naval Academy, in 1995, when Petersen was named editor-in-chief. The *Journal* continues to serve an important function as a "multidisciplinary forum for applied sciences and engineering."

Two new members were recently added to the editorial board of the *Journal of Testing and Evaluation*, by action of the Committee on Publications. Susan Butts, Ph.D., with the Dow Chemical Company in Midland, MI, is a distinguished inorganic and analytical chemist, responsible for the direction of personnel and resource use in the technologies associated with inorganic analysis at Dow's nine core research and development sites worldwide. She is deeply involved in standardization and is an active member of the American Chemical Society.

Thomas O'Connor has been with the major architectural firm of Smith, Hinchman, & Grylls since 1973, and is currently Director of Building Technology. He has been active in ASTM Committees C24 (past chairman) and B6, and has participated in the development of construction standards with various other ASTM and AIA committees. He is an ASTM Fellow (1988) and a recipient of the ASTM C24 Hall of Fame Award (1988).

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