

A Forward by the Editor

This forward is meant to simply introduce myself as the new Editor in Chief for JEEG. I feel fortunate that the EEGS governing board chose me over several other highly qualified candidates. I hope to carry on the proud tradition of ensuring submissions come in at a steady pace, papers are reviewed in a timely fashion, and the journal is mailed to all of you that dedicate a few hours of your time reading the interesting articles and sponsored advertisements that made it to publication this quarter.

As the new editor, I have been familiarizing myself with the history of the journal. Through that process, I have discovered some interesting bits of trivia that you may want to share with your associates. The journal was first published in July 1995, with the first paper titled 'Integrating Surface Geophysics, Well Logs and Hydraulic Test Data in the Characterization of Heterogeneous Aquifers' by Frederick Paillet. The most popular article by number of citations (the latest count was 208 on Google Scholar) is 'GEM-3: A monostatic broadband electromagnetic induction sensor' by IJ Won and others. There are 21 volumes in print and 83 issues including this one. Five editors have worked tirelessly over the

past 21 years, with Alan Witten first manning the helm and Janet Simms serving the longest. There have been 33 associate editors (AEs) to help with content and reviews. I started as an AE in 2005, but I believe that Les Beard, Ralf Birken, and Phil Carpenter have the longest running AE tenure. There were too many authors to count, but some notable ones with a significant number of published manuscripts include Ben Sternberg, Bill Daily, Bill Doll, IJ Won, Abe Ramirez, and Andrew Binley.

With all of this meta research on journal statistics, I realized that I may have not used the journal's rich source of high quality publications to its fullest extent. There are definitely times in my past writing that I needed an example case study to cite or a mathematical refresher on inversion. Flipping through the issues I have in my personal library, I now see that there are many examples from which to draw. And so I ask you, too, to consider JEEG in your next research idea, your educational experience, or for a needed citation. I bet you'll find what you're looking for.

Dale Rucker, *Editor*