

## *Editor's Note*

The July, 2005, issue of the *Journal* [Vol. 16, No. 2] was the last one prepared under the direction of Pierre Zundel as managing editor, and the last one with only the University of New Brunswick listed as publisher. This issue begins a transition period, during which the *Journal* will be jointly published by the University of New Brunswick and Oregon State University.

All of us in the Forest Engineering community owe a debt of gratitude to Pierre Zundel for his service as managing editor from 2000 through 2005. As I have worked to prepare this issue, the many dimensions that Pierre brought to the job became evident. He prepared me well for taking over as managing editor. Thoughtful counsel, detailed records and files, his transition recommendations for the many manuscripts that had been received or were in some stage of the review process have all been helpful in the transition. I hope that I am able to live up to the example set by Pierre Zundel, and before him, Jeremy Rickards.

The *Journal* will certainly change somewhat under my guidance. This is natural, and probably unavoidable. Discussions with members of the editorial board and the Forest Engineering profession have yielded a number of suggestions for changes that will occur over time. However, the commitment to serve the international Forest Engineering community as a voice of new ideas and developments in Forest Engineering will not change.

The Editorial Board has seen some changes, and will no doubt see more. Professor Peter McKelvey shares with us, the obituary of Dr. Graham Whyte of the University of Canterbury in New Zealand who served on the editorial board from 1993 until his death. Phillip Cottell and Harry Gibson have decided to retire from the Editorial Board. We thank them for their efforts over the years, and we wish them well in retirement. We welcome Dr. Dennis Dykstra to the Editorial Board. Many of you know Dennis and are familiar with his lengthy record of international activity and scholarship in Forest Engineering.

The Editorial Board, and the many individuals who review papers are the lifeblood that sustains the *Journal*. To those of you who have already provided assistance in preparation of this issue, and to those who will be called upon to do so in the near future, you have my respect and heartfelt gratitude. I look forward to the future that we will share together.

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