

Editorial

PUBLICATION PLANS FOR THE JOURNAL

As from this issue the journal is being published with the financial support of Pergamon Press and Robert Maxwell under the aegis of **Tempus Publications**. This arrangement guarantees that the publication schedule and frequency of the journal remain unchanged. Six issues will be published in 1991 including a special issue with a selection of revised papers from the IGIP-IEEE-ASEE conference in Vienna in July 1990. Plans to make the journal more interactive will also materialize, and a number of further developments are in the planning stages. Essentially though, the journal will remain a forum for engineering educators for presentation of new developments in both policy and technologies applied in engineering education. The publication changes follow negotiations with Robert Maxwell, chairman of Maxwell Communications on the future of the journal, and for whose continued support we are grateful. Moreover, a further development in the life of the journal is financial support from the TEMPUS programme of the European Community. TEMPUS stands for Trans European Mobility Programme for University Studies. This programme launched in December 1990 follows the opening of borders and the liberalized political situation in Central and Eastern Europe and applies to the area of university studies and university enterprise East West exchanges and interactions. The programme includes grants for buying equipment for Central and Eastern European University laboratories, the exchanges of students and staff, as well as additional support, as for publications. The editor as contractor and coordinator of a Joint European Programme has received a contract within this new programme on computer aided learning and simulation technologies. The grant includes all aspects represented by the programme, including equipment purchases, student and staff mobilities, and a publications grant. The first phase of the TEMPUS programme with a total funding of 25 Million ECU—approximately \$33 Million—was launched for this year and includes Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, and the former East Germany. From the coming year funding will be doubled and will incorporate Romania, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia, but with the exclusion of East Germany which is to be incorporated in the European Community with Germany. Our programme partners for this first phase are the Technical University of Budapest, the Czech Technical University in Prague, the Technical University of Bratislava, the Technical University of Wroclaw, the Technical University of Cracow, the Technical University of Ilmenau, the Academy of Sciences in East Berlin with the association of the Universities of Liege, Leicester, Barcelona Polytechnic, Ecole des Mines, Paris, WEST 80 in Bologna (a software company), and the University of Sydney. The administration and coordination of the programme is by Hamburg Educational Partnership. The grant includes purchase of basic equipment for computer aided learning facilities and developments. The equipment will include IBM and APPLE Microcomputers as well as a Digital Video Interactive (DVI) development platform. The new freedom of mobilities in Europe has already taken effect in higher education within the programme. Our contract will also support a workshop on new technologies in computer aided learning and simulation which will be held at the UNESCO computing center at the Czech Technical University in Prague on June 24–27 this year. We plan extensive reporting on the impact of the programme for engineering studies as reported by all related grant activities of which in the first phase there are over 140 different contractors. We look forward to exciting years ahead in educational delivery system developments for engineering education.

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