

Letter from the editor

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It is my pleasure to announce that the following two papers have been selected to receive Building Simulation's Best Paper Award for Volume 9 (2016):

Pekka Saarinen, Hannu Koskela, Timo Siikonen (2016). An easy-to-use turbulent inlet boundary condition for large-eddy simulation of radial diffusers. *Building Simulation*, 9(5): 569–581.

Yulong Liu, Yijia Zhao, Zhengxian Liu, Jisheng Luo (2016). Numerical investigation of the unsteady flow characteristics of human body thermal plume. *Building Simulation*, 9(6): 677–687.

Following the same procedure, selection of the best papers is first based on nominations from the Journal's editorial board members, and then recommended by an award selection committee. Last year's committee consists of Jensen Zhang (chair), Per Heselberg, and John Lin. I thank them for their time and effort in selecting the awardees from among the many excellent papers published in 2016.

The above papers will be posted on the Journal's website with free access for a certain duration.

I would also like to share with you some numbers based on the publisher's report of *Building Simulation* in 2016.

- 1) The total submissions we received in 2016 increased by 43% compared to submissions in 2015. We expect such a trend will continue in the next couple of years. The paper rejection rate was 74% in 2016.
- 2) 57 full-length articles were published in Volume 9, totaling 734 pages.
- 3) Total successful full-text downloads in 2016 increased by 8% over 2015.

4) Average duration to first decision was 38 days. Average durations to final disposition for accepted and rejected papers were 131 days and 36 days, respectively.

5) Impact Factor in 2015 was 1.409, which placed *Building Simulation* at 21 (Q2) among all 61 Construction & Building Technology journals.

Next year, the Journal will celebrate its 10-year anniversary. A special issue containing review or research articles that summarize the state-of-the-art or tackle the most pressing issues is being planned. We expect that this special issue will have broad international significance and represent new research directions. I encourage experts who have such an article idea to communicate with me. I will also send invitations to those who have distinguished track records in the building simulation field to contribute.

Last but not the least, I would like to express sincere thanks to the following people, who helped to invite and process papers from several international conferences. These papers were reviewed and handled as regular submissions.

- Dr. Xiong Shen and Dr. Zhengwei Long, from Tianjin University, invited and processed the papers selected from the COBEE&ISHVAC 2015 International Conference.
- Dr. Haiwen Shu from Dalian University of Technology invited and processed papers from the Cold Climate HVAC 2015 Conference.
- Dr. Philip Yu, from Trane Pacific, invited and processed papers from the 13th Asia Pacific Conference on the Built Environment.

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