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Editorial

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Welcome to the first issue of *Geotechnical Engineering* in 2005.

2004 was a successful year for the Journal, with the Dedicated Issue 'The Geotechnics of Transport Infrastructure' (October 2004) being the biggest ever. The flow of papers for 2005 has improved noticeably, so that I am confident that the 4 Issues in 2005 will be full and of interest and value to readers.

We had one unfortunate occurrence during 2004: a paper in the April Issue turned out to be an almost exact replica of a paper that had already been published in an ASCE Speciality Conference Proceedings (and that was not acknowledged in our paper). Accordingly, we 'withdraw' Paper 13354 and I should like to remind prospective authors that the Journal's instructions state that "*If the submission has been submitted or published elsewhere, the authors must provide full details*". Of course we rely on the integrity of authors in meeting this requirement.

With the increasing flow of prospective papers we have noticed a growth in their length. May I remind you that the Journal also welcomes 'short' Papers (akin to the Technical Notes widely encountered elsewhere); this gives busy people the opportunity to relate brief events, ideas and experiences without having to write a time-consuming, 'major' paper. I should also remind prospective authors that our papers are listed in all major citation indices.

At the end of 2004 the UK Editorial Panel said 'farewell and thanks' to three hard-working members: Ed Ellis, John McKinley and Tim Newson. I am very pleased to welcome their replacements: Sarah Stallebrass of The City University, London, Fraser Bransby of Dundee University and Steve Wade of Stent. I am also pleased to welcome new International Panel Members: Jian-Min Zhang, of the Tsinghua University, PRC,

Evert den Haan of GeoDelft, the Netherlands, Tim Newson, who, since moving to his new post at the University of Western Ontario, has kindly offered to represent our interests in Canada, and Rolf Sandven of the Trondheim University of Science and Technology, Norway.

I am also pleased to report that three of our Papers published during 2003 won Institution of Civil Engineers prizes in 2004:

- *Chalk anchorages: exhumation load transfer mechanism and design guidelines* by Barley, Mothersille and Weerasinghe. (July 2003) won the Coopers Hill War Memorial Prize;
- *Use of settlement reducing piles to support a raft* by Love (October 2003) won a Halcrow Prize, and
- *Partial factors and non-linear ground-structure interaction* by Lo (January 2003) won a Telford Prize.

A key aim for 2005 remains to increase the amount of 'Discussion' and to further strengthen our ties to the British Geotechnical Association through, among other things, arranging for at least one of our papers to be formally presented at a BGA Evening Meeting.

I wish you all a productive 2005 and look forward to receiving your papers!

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