SUMMARY REPORT FOR 2007

Approximately four years after we started to publish BEE, I was informed on November 4, 2006 by Springer that BEE has been selected by ISI and will be included in SCIE and CC/Engineering, Computing, and Technology starting from the first issue of 2007. Thus, BEE will get its first impact factor with JCR 2008 in 2009. If you look at the SCI under earthquake engineering, BEE is one of the five journals under this topic.

Recently, Springer introduced an important decision for BEE; starting as of 2008 colour pictures in the printed version of the journal will be free of charge. Both of these two developments had very positive impact on the number of manuscript submissions.

In 2003 and in 2004, the number of manuscripts submitted was 26 for each year. In 2005 the number of submitted manuscripts increased to 38 and in 2006 to 51. In 2007, including two forthcoming Special Issues, the number of manuscripts submitted was 65. In the first three and half months of 2008, 22 manuscripts were submitted. It is very likely that in 2008 the number of submitted manuscripts will increase with respect to 2007.

With respect to printed manuscripts; the first volume of BEE had 13 papers, 2 technical notes and an editorial, second volume had 13 papers, one discussion and one reply, and third volume had 10 papers, 1 technical note and an introduction to the Mallet-Milne lecture. Due to the increase in number of issues to 4, the number of manuscripts in volume 4 was 25 and in volume 5 it was 27. In 2008 this number may increase to 30.

During 2007, Bryan Skipp has retired from the Editorial Board and Robin Spence was invited to join the Editorial Board. Later, Julian Bommer resigned from the Editorial Board and John Douglas was invited to replace him. Due to increase in the submitted manuscripts, Rui Pinho and Roger Musson were also invited to join the BEE Editorial Board starting as of 2008. At the present, Editorial Board is composed of 32 distinguished researchers.
There were six new Special Issue proposals during the past two years:

- **11th Mallet Milne Lecture by Robin Spence;** Guest Editor: Paul Greening. Published as Vol.5 No.2.
- The **H/V technique: capabilities and limitations based on the results of the SESAME project;** Guest Editor: Pierre-Yves Bard. Published as Vol.6 No.1.
- **Integrated approach to fault rupture- and soil-foundation interaction;** Guest Editors: Alain Pecker and George Gazetas (All 9 manuscripts as proposed were submitted and are being reviewed).
- **Earthquake Protection of Bridges;** Guest Editor: Andreas Kappos (Out of the proposed 13 manuscripts 10 were submitted and are being reviewed).
- **BoB-CoDE Project, Bonefro Building - Comparison of Damage Estimates;** Guest Editors: Mauro Dolce and Agostino Goretti
- **Seismic Eurocode EC8: Future Changes and Related Issues;** Guest Editors: George Gazetas and Alain Pecker
- **Structural Seismic Safety Assessment;** Guest Editor: Carlos S. Oliveira

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