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## SUMMARY REPORT FOR 2008

I was informed by the Senior Publishing Editor for Earth Sciences in Springer on June 18, 2008 that BEE received its first impact factor for 2007 as 1.125 which was the second highest among the five earthquake engineering journals (Earthquake Engineering and Structural Dynamics, Bulletin of Earthquake Engineering, Earthquake Spectra, Soil Dynamics and Earthquake Engineering, Journal of Earthquake Engineering) and is ranked as the 4th among 26 journals in "Engineering and Geological" section.

The publication of BEE started approximately five years ago in 2003, it was selected in November 2006 by ISI to be included in SCIE and CC/Engineering, Computing, and Technology Index starting from the first issue of 2007. It is inconceivable to have come so far so rapidly in five years. It would not have been possible without the contributions of the BEE Editorial Board, authors of published manuscripts and competent reviewers.

I would like to express my gratitude to all the authors who are really the main contributors to this process and to all the Members of the Editorial Board for all their support as reviewers, authors and Guest Editors. I would also like to thank all the reviewers for their very important input in this process.

In 2003 and in 2004, the number of manuscripts submitted was 26 for both years. In 2005 this number increased to 38, in 2006 to 51, in 2007 to 65 and in 2008 to 107. The number of submitted manuscripts with respect to 2007 increased approximately 65% indicating the increasing popularity of BEE.

With respect to printed manuscripts; the first BEE volume in 2003 had 16 articles, the second volume in 2004 had 15 articles, and the third volume in 2005 had 12 articles. Due to the increase in the number of issues to four, fourth volume in 2006 had 25 articles, fifth volume in 2007 had 27 articles and sixth volume in 2008 had 34 articles.

At the present we are discussing with Springer to increase the number of issues per year from 4 to 6. Most likely we will be publishing BEE as six issues per year starting 2010.

There were three new special issue proposals during the past year and with the two from previous year a total of 5 special issues are in line for publication:

- 12th Mallet Milne Lecture by Roger Bilham; Guest Editor: Ian Smith. Planned to be published as Vol.7 No.2.
- Earthquake Protection of Bridges; Guest Editor: Andreas Kappos (Out of the proposed 14 manuscripts 11 were accepted and planned to be published as Vol.7 No.3.
- Structural Seismic Safety Assessment; Guest Editor: Carlos S. Oliveira (Out of the proposed 11 manuscripts 10 were submitted and are under review)
- Ambient Noise Measurements on Soil and Buildings; Guest Editor: Marco Mucciarelli (All of the proposed 10 manuscripts are under review)
- Italian strong motion data and networks; Guest Editors: Lucia Luzi, Paolo Augliera and Antonella Gorini (All of the proposed 9 manuscripts are under review)

During 2008, it was very unfortunate that Prof. Emilia Juhasova a member of BEE Editorial Board passed away. At the present, Editorial Board is composed of 31 distinguished researchers.

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