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SUMMARY REPORT FOR 2009

Last year when I was informed that BEE received second highest impact factor for 2007 as 1.125 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), I was very surprised but I was very happy. This year I was informed on June 22 by the Senior Publishing Editor of Earth Sciences of Springer that BEE received the highest impact factor of 1.271 among the same five earthquake engineering journals, I was surprised but I was again very happy. I am completely aware that this may not happen again, but I hope we will be able to increase our impact factor also for 2009.

The publication of BEE started approximately six years ago in 2003. It is unbelievable to have become so popular so rapidly in six years. It would not have been possible without the contributions of the BEE Editorial Board, authors of the published manuscripts and the competent and dedicated reviewers.

I would like to express my gratitude to all 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 reviewers for their very important input in this process. And of course I would like to express our gratitude and thanks to Springer and to Petra D. van Steenbergen, Senior Publishing Editor of Earth Sciences for their continuous support and encouragement.

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, in 2008 to 107, and in 2009, we received 126 articles. The number of submitted manuscripts with respect to 2008 increased approximately 18% indicating the steadily 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, and seventh volume in 2009 had 33 articles.

The number of issues per year will increase from 4 to 6 as of 2010. The first issue of Volume 8 is already printed. It is a Special Issue on "Structural Seismic Safety Assessment" with Guest Editor; Carlos S. Oliveira, Aníbal Costa, and Raimundo Delgado. This issue contains 10 articles including the Guest Editorial. The second issue of Volume 8 will soon be printed and it will contain 12 manuscripts previously submitted, reviewed, revised and accepted, and are available as OnlineFirst.

There were two new special issue proposals during the past year and with the two from previous year a total of 4 special issues are in line for publication:

- Ambient Noise Measurements on Soil and Buildings; Guest Editor: Marco Mucciarelli (All of the 13 manuscripts were reviewed, revised and are available OnlineFirst. Most likely this special issue will be published as the 3rd issue of Volume 8)
- Italian strong motion data and networks; Guest Editors: Lucia Luzi, Paolo Augliera and Antonella Gorini (All of the 9 manuscripts were reviewed, revised and are available OnlineFirst. Most likely this special issue will be published as the 4th issue of Volume 8)
- Old Masonry Under Seismic Loading; Guest Editor: Carlos S. Oliveira (Out of the proposed 13 manuscripts 10 were submitted and are under review)
- L'Aquila earthquake: Seismic sequence of 6th April 2009, Abruzzo, Italy; Guest Editors: Dina D'Ayala and Mauro Dolce (Out of the proposed 17 manuscripts 3 were submitted and are under review)

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