



Editorial

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This issue in hand is the first issue for Structural Mechanics section of NED University Journal of Research. The reader may know that we decided last year to divide the Journal into three sections. This decision was made in view of multiple requests from the authors to provide them focused journals for the publication of their work. This caused some delay in the publication process of the Journal as we required time to streamline resources needed for this increased quantum of work. All praises go to the authors who showed solidarity with us and patiently waited over the last several months for the publication of this section. Efforts are being made to begin the publication of the other sections which are expected to be published soon.

I take this opportunity to request the authors and readers to disseminate the information of the Journal sections among their peers, colleagues and students. This can help us maintaining the frequency of the Journal in addition to providing the authors an opportunity to publish their work in good quality journals. This may be of interest to the readers to note that our statistics for the last five years show that more than 50% contributions have been made by the International authors in the NED University Journal of Research.

Four original papers have been included in this current issue of Structural Mechanics. These papers present interesting studies on different aspects of the behaviour of reinforced concrete and steel structures. I hope that these papers would be of interest to the structural engineering community and shall contribute to the existing knowledge on the subject. Discussion on these papers is open until 31 December 2013.