



Editorial

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I would like to start this editorial by thanking all those who have sent me their admiration for the new format of the journal and their liking of published papers. So far I have received a couple of discussions on the articles published in June 2009 issue. These discussions and authors' closures will be included in the June 2010 issue. The discussions will then become a permanent feature of the journal. I hope this co-operation from the readers will continue in future as well and I look forward to receiving not only original research papers and discussions but also both formal and informal suggestions for the improvement of the journal. As ever the members of the editorial board are also kind enough to send me their suggestions from time to time and all these are proving very helpful in order to maintain a high quality of the journal in this era of fierce competition worldwide.

The policy of timely and blind reviews (where identities of authors and reviewers are not disclosed to each other), a distinguished panel of International Advisory Board and able international reviewers helped us in gaining trust and confidence of researchers. This office is also trying to bring continuous improvements in the journal in order to facilitate and encourage researchers and academics to publish their work in the NED University Journal of Research. All these efforts are reflected in the increased number of manuscripts the journal has received so far this year from the researchers and academics across the globe for possible publication in the journal.

The issue of the NED University Journal of Research in hand brings together five original papers. These are in the areas of Best Value Procurement, Biodiesel Engine Testing, Concrete Technology, Structural Dynamics and Structural Mechanics. The research presented in these papers cover a wide range of issues in various engineering disciplines. In line with the publication policy, one paper having significant value for the academics in Pakistan is being reproduced after taking due permission from the original publisher. This paper is in the area of Travel Demand Modelling. I hope that these will be considered a modest effort on the part of the journal to disseminate knowledge around the world. Further, as approved by the International Advisory Board in its meeting nearly six months ago a list of reviewers is also being published to acknowledge the services of these able and dedicated individuals.