

Ten Years of *Building Simulation*

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It has been ten years since *Building Simulation*'s inaugural issue in 2008. Looking back, there is a lot to say. This is what I wrote in the first issue's editorial:

It is with great pleasure and excitement that we announce the establishment of this new journal: ***Building Simulation: An International Journal***. This academic journal will be the first publication which focuses purely on the important topics described by the term Building Simulation. The goal is to promote building research and application by utilizing various modeling approaches. There has been strong need worldwide to strengthen information exchange in this area. A dedicated journal would be an ideal vehicle to publish and disseminate relevant research findings.

Ten years later, I believe our goal, our founding mission (in Chinese, 初心), has never changed.

First, the Journal has grown steadily. In our first year (Volume 1), we published four issues, with 31 papers totaling 372 pages. All those figures have now been doubled or tripled. In 2017, we published 1044 pages of fine papers. Authors are from 29 countries worldwide, and the total number of full-text downloads has reached 28,277.

Second, the Journal has created higher impacts. The Impact Factor in 2017 was 1.673, which placed *Building Simulation* in Q2 among all 62 Construction & Building Technology journals indexed by the Science Citation Index Expanded (SCI) of Web of Science. Of course, impacts cannot be measured by a single index alone. We also listen to what our readers and practitioners have to say.

Third, the Journal has kept improving. Not only do we maintain the highest quality possible in all our published papers, but we also care about our authors, reviewers, and readers. We now average 38 days from submission to first decision, 131 days to final disposition for accepted papers,

and 36 days for rejected papers. Such a quick publication schedule does not in any way compromise the quality of reviews. From day one, the Journal has adopted the most stringent double-blind review system. We make decisions based solely on expert reviewers' opinions.

Fourth, the Journal is open. It serves the whole world's building performance simulation community, not a region or a closed community. We have a widely distributed authorship, readership, editorial board, and reviewer pool.

Fifth, the Journal is backed by countless enthusiastic people. We have an excellent editorial board, dedicated technical and publishing editors, and collaborating publishers who ensure smooth operation of the Journal. Most of all, the Journal is indebted to our authors, whose research is at the forefront of the building simulation field; our reviewers, who help maintain the highest quality of published papers; and our readers, who make the publishing meaningful. Without all their wholehearted support, the Journal would be meaningless.

As one way to celebrate the Journal's ten-year anniversary, we are publishing in this issue a special edition of invited papers. These review or research papers are all written by authors who have distinguished track records in the building simulation field—hence their opinions represent state-of-the-art or new research directions and will certainly have broad significance. I hope you enjoy reading these insightful works. If you agree, I invite you to join me in thanking these top experts for sharing their insights. We hope for more publications from them in the future.

What is next for the Journal? I would like to use an old Chinese saying here: "Ascend another storey to have a further sight." (欲穷千里目,更上一层楼) Together we can—and will—make *Building Simulation* better.

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