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Publishers note

The latest (2007) impact factors have been released by Thomson Reuters on 17 June. It is a pleasure to announce that the impact factor of *Composites Science & Technology* has increased from 2.027 to 2.171. The journal remains the leader among all composite journals worldwide.

The No. 1 position of *Composites Science & Technology* in the last few years have resulted in a steady increase in the number of papers submitted to the journal. This is particularly true for the papers from Asian countries. For example, the number of papers submitted from China alone went up significantly from 291 in 2006 to 525 in 2007.

This dramatic increase in submissions from Asia created the need for a second Asian Editor to complement our Asian and Australasian Editor Professor Yiu-Wing Mai.

I am very pleased to introduce the new Asian Editor of the journal Professor Wei Yang from Zhejiang University in China.

Wei Yang was born in 1954 in Beijing. He received his BS degree from North-Western Technical University (1976), his MS from Tsinghua University (1981) and his PhD from Brown University, USA (1985) under the supervision of L.B. Freund. He spent the first 20 years of his academic career at the Department of Mechanical Engineering of Tsinghua University where he started as Lecturer in 1985 and was promoted to Associate Professor (1986) and Professor (1989). There he served as Department Head, Chairman of the University Academic Committee and Dean of Aerospace.

Between 2004 and 2006 Professor Yang was Director General of the Committee of Academic Degrees at The State Council and Director of the Bureau of Graduate Education at The Ministry of Education. Since 2006 he has been the President of Zhejiang University in Hangzhou while remaining associated with Tsinghua University as Adjunct Professor. Professor Yang

has been Visiting Professor at a number of leading universities in Europe, North America and Asia: Sheffield, Institute of Mechanics of Grenoble, Hong Kong Polytechnic, Brown University, University of California at Santa Barbara, University of Sherbrooke, Taiwan University, Princeton University, Tokyo Institute of Technology and University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

His research interests include fracture mechanics, micromechanics, nanomechanics, mechanics of materials, mechatronic reliability, structural integrity of reactor pressure vessels and pipes, aerospace technology. His research output includes 8 books and 165 journal papers, cited over 1300 times. Professor Yang is a Member of the Chinese Academy of Sciences and Chair of its Technological Sciences Division. He is a Foreign Member of the Russian Academy of Astronautics and a Fellow of the Third World Academy of Sciences. Wei Yang's awards include The Young Scientists Award of China (1994), The National Natural Science Award (1995), The Scientific Achievement Award by the Ministry of Education of China (2002), The National Natural Science Award (2005). He was the Editor-in-Chief of *Acta Mechanica Sinica* (2001–2005), serves as Regional Editor of *International Journal of Fracture* and is on the Editorial Board of another 4 international journals. He is the President of *The Far East and Oceanic Fracture Society* (since 2004) and a former Vice President of The Chinese Society of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics (1998–2006).

I wish Professor Yang success in his editorial work for *Composites Science & Technology*!

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