

## *Editor's Notes*

This issue was produced with the assistance of guest associate editor, Dennis Dykstra. Dennis stepped in to help out with a series of articles – his assistance is greatly appreciated. Kevin Lyons of the University of British Columbia has joined the Editorial Board, bringing expertise in many aspects of timber harvesting in mountainous terrain and exceptional skill in engineering mechanics.

This second issue of the Journal for 2006 is the final issue that will include the University of New Brunswick as the publisher. The review process moved to Oregon State University in the middle of last summer, but the production functions stayed at the University of New Brunswick through the past year. There have been a number of bumps in the transition road to date, but none that have compromised the Journal. Delays in review and publication associated with moving the Journal to OSU have certainly occurred, and the responsibility for those delays must fall on my shoulders. I will continue to work to improve our processes, and see that manuscript review and publication moves forward as smoothly as possible in the future.

With this final issue under the banner of the University of New Brunswick, I want everyone who reads or has published in the Journal to understand how important Ms. Ardith Armstrong has been to the success of the Journal since its inception in 1989. Along with her regular job at the Wood Science and Technology Centre at the University of New Brunswick, Ardith has found time to handle the subscriptions, desktop publishing, communication with authors on galley proofs, contracts for printing the Journal, shipping and mailing, and keeping the managing editor on task. It all makes my job seem easy by comparison. We all owe Ardith our heartfelt thanks for her support of the profession. She has set a very high standard for the future.

I look forward to the future of the Journal. I continue to enjoy the interactions with authors and reviewers as we all work to disseminate research results, and improve research and professional practice in Forest Engineering. We continue to seek new articles, and plan for the lasting future of the Journal. As the Journal moves forward, you can look to this page for news on new developments.

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