

Letter from the Editors

To our readers and contributors,

With great pleasure we proceed with the establishment of the *International Journal of Bridge Engineering (IJBE)*.

IJBE is an international open-access journal that contains contributions from state-of-the-art research on Bridge Engineering. The Journal includes research articles, reviews, and letters from all engineering disciplines dealing with the behavior of bridges under static, dynamic and fatigue loads and also with soil-bridge interaction.

The **International Journal of Bridge Engineering** will be publishing papers on all aspects related to **bridge engineering** and **soil-bridge interaction**. The main goal of IJBE is to cover this gap of research and design and to offer a forum for presentation of considerably significant structures. The Journal will publish research articles that advance the practice and profession of bridge engineering – soil-bridge interaction and papers about Aesthetics and architecture of bridges, Bridge monitoring, Design methods, Fabrication and construction, New and high performance materials, Seismic behavior, Vehicle-bridge interaction, Old bridges and maintenance, Stone bridges, Wooden bridges, Floating bridges, Long-span bridges, Geotechnical problems related to bridges, Soil-structure interaction, Computational techniques, Experimental research, Isolation and damping systems, Aeroelasticity problems in bridges, Impact and Explosion problems.

Review papers on cutting-edge research are welcome. Papers presenting new approaches to education and training in bridge engineering and soil-bridge interaction are also encouraged. The main emphasis will be given on publishing quality articles rapidly and openly available to researchers worldwide.

All open access journals charge fees either to authors or to readers. This usually leads to low quality reviewing and publication process, while it discourages

young scientists without financial support resulting in high quality publications not to be widely disseminated.

The IJBE Journal will be an “open-type” journal **without publication fees neither for authors nor for readers**. The high quality of papers will be ensured by a very strict peer reviewing process.

Sincerely,

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