

## Editorial

Probably few journals have been so completely associated with one person as the *Journal of Plasma Physics* has been with John Dougherty, who founded the *Journal* and has, for the last 28 years, devoted a large part of his time to it. Now that he has, understandably, decided that he wishes to pursue other interests, the publishers have found it necessary to replace him with two people. John has passed on to us a healthy journal with a good reputation in its field, and our objective is to strengthen it further by attracting high quality papers over the whole range of plasma physics. We will aim to have submitted papers processed efficiently and published with as little delay as possible, since we believe this to be of paramount importance to authors in a rapidly advancing field.

John has had the assistance of an eminent group of Associate Editors. We look forward to working with them in the coming months and will be seeking to strengthen the *Journal* further by adding to their numbers. We are pleased that John has agreed to be amongst them, so that we can continue to draw on his expertise. We hope that all those authors who have supported the *Journal* in the past will continue to do so and that others will be persuaded to submit their papers to it. Finally, on behalf of the plasma physics community, may we thank John for the service he has done it by editing the *Journal* for so many years and wish him well for the future.

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