

Editorial

After serving for almost 25 years at the editorial board of HERON, professor Ton Vrouwenvelder last year announced his wish to retire as editor in chief of the Journal. Since 1976 Vrouwenvelder has been an active member of the board, which in 1990 culminated in his appointment to editor in chief. During this last decade some important changes were made. HERON evolved from being the prime source for communicating research performed at the Faculty of Civil Engineering at Delft University of Technology and the TNO Building and Construction Research, to a wider scope. With the establishment of the Netherlands School for Advanced Studies in Construction, three new members entered the HERON arena, namely the Faculty of Building and Architecture of Eindhoven University, the Faculty of Architecture at Delft University of Technology and the Faculty of Civil Engineering Management. The composition of the editorial board matched the membership of all these partners. To emphasize the change a new cover was designed, still depicting HERON of Alexandria, a Greek scientist, physicist and geometrician with a vivid interest in engineering problems. The format of the Journal was changed, and it was decided to cover the research in shorter articles rather than the long single-article issues that appeared earlier.

Vrouwenvelder has managed to implement all changes successfully, while maintaining the quality of the Journal as a whole. The current editorial board understands his wish to stop with his work for HERON after almost 25 years, and is grateful to his excellent contributions and his relentless efforts to maintain the high level of quality of articles published in HERON.

With the departure of professor Vrouwenvelder, part of the editorial board has been renewed as well. The new membership, effective since November 2000 is listed at the back of this issue. The new board hopes to provide the readers of HERON with interesting and high quality research results in the field of building materials and structures as has been done now for more than 45 years.

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