

Introduction

A.L. Bouma - who was editor in chief of HERON since the beginning - resigned in 1969, and has been succeeded by F.K. Ligtenberg of the Institute TNO for Building Materials and Building Structures. This has led to some changes in the editorial policy. HERON remains a joint venture of "STEVIN", the Laboratory of the Department of Civil Engineering of the Technological University Delft, The Netherlands, and "IBBC", the Institute TNO for Building Materials and Building Structures, Rijswijk (ZH), The Netherlands.

From now on it will appear only in an international edition. Most of the papers will be written in English. Papers in French or German will, however, also be accepted.

The new editor hopes to produce at least 4 copies a year. Some of the papers will have been presented to some international scientific assembly shortly before appearing in HERON, others will be original papers, written especially for HERON, and some will be translations of important papers in the Dutch language that otherwise would not be accessible for foreign colleagues.

In order to ensure that as little time as possible will elapse between the writing of an article and its publication, offset printing will be introduced. The external appearance of HERON will therefore undergo some change.

We hope the contents will continue to give a good survey of research work being carried out in The Netherlands in the field of strength of materials and structures.

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