



Message from the Editorial Vice President

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The Editorial department within SMPTE is charged with overseeing content for the *Motion Imaging Journal*, as well as SMPTE conferences. Our objective is to assure that all material selected for publication is relevant to our members, timely, creditable, and well presented. Towards this goal, the management and staff of the Society have been particularly busy this year, reflecting an ongoing commitment to improving the breadth and depth of services provided by our Society to its membership. Most importantly, I'd like to introduce you to Joel Welch, our new Director of Professional Development. In this role, Joel is responsible for the oversight of the editorial and technical content of the *Journal*, coordinating technical content at all SMPTE conferences and events, and developing new means by which our Society can provide professional development, education, and information to members. Joel has 30 years of experience working in technology-centric roles and a unique mix of professional development and engineering experience. Most recently, he served as Director of Certification and Program Development for the Society of Cable Telecommunications Engineers. In the few months since Joel has joined SMPTE, he has brought tremendous enthusiasm, professionalism, and a bevy of fresh new ideas to explore. We're fortunate to have Joel as part of headquarters staff. Please join me in welcoming him to SMPTE.

You may have already noticed a number of improvements to both the conference lineup and *Journal*. As Conference VP John Luff points out in his message this month, we've added four tutorial sessions to the conference program. More than 65 technical papers are being presented in 12 different sessions, covering a wide range of topics critical to SMPTE members. This year's pre-conference Symposium is among the most ambitious ever, covering the exciting recent developments in the art and science of stereoscopic 3-D production. We're particularly fortunate to have industry veteran Lenny Lipton as Chair of the Symposium committee, and the driving force in assembling an outstanding lineup of experts in the field.

We've also been working on improvements to the *Journal*, including updating graphics and layout. For 2008, we're planning the addition of more tutorial and applications pieces, while preserving the traditional fare of high-quality peer-reviewed papers you've come to expect. A new online system called EDAS has been implemented to facilitate the peer-review process. Enhancements to the online *Journal* and archives on the SMPTE website have already started, and more additions are on the drawing board.

As always, the guiding light in these efforts remains the needs of our membership. Please let us know what you think. E-mail me at peter.lude@am.sony.com, or contact Joel Welch at jwelch@smpte.org.