

## Editorial: Renewal of FFEMS Editorial Board

At the end of 2021, we took the opportunity to refresh the Editorial Board of FFEMS, and the new line-up is presented online in the beginning of 2022 and in this February issue. In this Editorial, we would like to thank all of the previous Board Members, especially those who have stepped down from the Board, for their important input over the past 5 years.

Among the changes, Professor Masahiro Endo stood down as Editor. We would like to express our sincere gratitude for his great contribution to the journal over the past 5 years as Editor and the many other years as an active Board Member of FFEMS.

In the past 5 years, with contributions from the Editorial Board, FFEMS has further developed its editorial processes and has been becoming ever more attractive to authors and readers in the community worldwide. These developments are evinced by a large number of high-quality submissions and a continuously increasing Impact Factor.

The new Editorial Board contains 22 new members, with most of them active young researchers, keeping the Board at a total of 38 members from various countries, covering a variety of fields in fatigue and fracture, and with gender diversity. We are very pleased to welcome these new members and look forward to collaborating with them. It is also our great pleasure to announce that Professor Takashi Nakamura and Professor Thierry Palin-Luc have joined the team as new Editors. The FFEMS Editor Team looks forward to closely working together.

The Honorary Editorial Board has also been updated with five new members. The Honorary Members were mainly previous FFEMS Editors or Associate Editors, alongside some outstanding professors who have made

significant contributions to the success of the Journal. The FFEMS team remembers the role these Honorary Members have played in the journal history and will continue to seek their valuable insight and advice.

As we begin the new volume for 2022, we should recall that FFEMS was founded by Professor Keith Miller 43 years ago. Since then, FFEMS has played a vital role in creating a bridge between scientists and engineers from fundamental research to engineering applications in the structural integrity community, and has shown itself to be unique as an international journal with the papers presenting state-of-the-art achievements in fatigue and fracture research on engineering materials and components.

In the new era, the new Editor Team, together with the new Editorial Board is ever more acutely aware of its commitments to our authors, reviewers and readers. We look forward to serving them in a more friendly and efficient way, and to creating a brighter future of FFEMS.

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