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Dear Colleagues all over the world wherever you are:

It is with great pleasure that we present Vol. 3, No. 1 issue of the Applications and Applied Mathematics: An International Journal (AAM). The publication is already online and may be found at <http://www.pvamu.edu/aam>. When you visit the AAM website, you will notice some slight changes, including the composition of the Board of Editors.

The first three issues contained 5 published papers each. In the last issue, due to an increase in the number of manuscripts accepted, and in order to have a short turn around time, 8 papers were published. For the same reasons, we have found the needs to include **13 papers (164 pages) in the current issue** (really a double issue!). Our growth has been phenomenal. The next issue will be published online in December of 2008.

As mentioned in the previous Dear Colleague memo, we are proud that the journal is registered with the Library of Congress under **ISSN 1932-9466**, so that the papers contained are also mentioned in the journal of [Current Mathematical Publications](#) (CMP) of the [American Mathematical Society](#) (AMS), and are reviewed by the Mathematical Reviews of the American Mathematical Society.

We invite you to submit your manuscripts for review and possible publication. In many instances our reviewers have been gracious to work with authors to get their manuscripts publishable. However, I hope we do realize that acceptance and sometimes rejection of the reviewed manuscripts are integral parts of the peer review process. In the event of rejection, we only do so with deep regret. Authors from non-English speaking countries are advised to have their manuscripts proofread by skilled English speaking persons to facilitate the publication of their work.

I am grateful to those members of the Board of Editors who have been with us since the inception of the journal three years ago and to those who subsequently accepted my invitation to join. I seize this opportunity to welcome all of you aboard and thank you for the honor and confidence reposed in me and for promoting the journal. Without you this task would be formidable.

The journal now has its Editorial Board, contributors, reviewers, and readers drawn from the United States of America, Canada, South America (Argentina), Europe (UK, Ireland, Belgium, France, Italy, the Netherland, Germany, Finland, Spain, Sweden, Norway, Greece, Turkey, Bulgaria, Romania, Check, Slovakia, Serbia), Russia, Africa (Egypt, Nigeria, Sudan), Middle East (Saudi Arabia, United Emirate, Kuwait, Lebanon, Israel, Palestine, Iraq, Iran), Asia (Japan, China, Taiwan, South Korea, Hong Kong, Bangladesh, India, Pakistan), and New Zealand. We are truly an International journal.

As always, I am grateful to Dr. Dimitar P. Michev (Mishev) for his constant assistance and advice, to our reviewers for the enormous task of reviewing all manuscripts and making helpful comments and suggestions, and to the contributors for their cooperation with the reviewers and for the subsequent of high quality of work submitted.

Finally, to the board of editors who accord us the honor of working with them, my faculty and staff, Mr. Midhat Asghar, and the Office of Institutional Relations and Public Service at Prairie View A&M University for providing the opportunity to get the journal online, I owe a tremendous debt of gratitude.

With best wishes,

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P.S.: I would like to take this opportunity to thank those colleagues who expressed their encouragement and support for my book co-authored with Dr. Mishev and have ordered for themselves and/or for their libraries. For others who are just learning about it, the book is entitled Queueing Models in Industry and Business published by Nova Publishers, Inc. is now available. You may view/order it online at:

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