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Dear Colleagues all over the world wherever you are:

It is with great pleasure that I inform you of the availability of the December 2008 (Volume 3, Number 2) issue of the Applications and Applied Mathematics: An International Journal. **AAM** is available online at no charge. The table of contents may be viewed at <http://www.pvamu.edu/aam>. If you did not receive this e-mail directly and wish to receive e-mail announcements when new issues are published or if you have questions or comments about **AAM**, please send an e-mail to me, the Editor-in-Chief at amhaghighi@pvamu.edu. The next issue of **AAM** is due to be announced in June 2009.

We have originally intended each issue to contain 5 published papers, the last three, however, have seen an increase in the number of papers published in order to pre-empt a lengthening of the turn around time that could be caused by a surge in the number of manuscripts submitted. The current issue contains eleven papers covering a wide variety of topics, which, I believe, you will find interesting.

We invite you to submit your manuscripts for review and possible publication. Our reviewers are always ready and gracious to work with authors to a publishable standard. We must also caution that final acceptance or rejection of manuscripts after review is an integral part of the peer review process and that rejection, in no way, minimizes the professional stature of the author.

Authors from non-English speaking countries are advised to have their manuscripts proofread by skilled English speaking persons to facilitate publication.

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

As mentioned in a 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.

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Finally, to the board of editors who accord us the honor of working with them, to my faculty and staff and to 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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