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Dear Colleagues across the globe, wherever you are, greetings:

Once again, it is with great pleasure that I inform you of the availability of the Volume 6, Issue 2 (December 2011) of the Applications and Applied Mathematics: An International Journal. **AAM** is available online. The table of contents is attached and may also be viewed at <u>http://www.pvamu.edu/aam</u>. 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 the Editor-in-Chief at <u>amhaghighi@pvamu.edu</u>. My apologies for a possible redundancy of the e-mail.

I am also excited to inform you that the contents from AAM publications are now included in **EBSCO** (<u>http://www.ebscohost.com/</u>) information products. This is in addition to the American Mathematical Society's **Mathematical Review** (**MathSciNet**®) and <u>Current Mathematical Publications</u> (**CMP**) an honor that we proudly acknowledge.

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 and accepted, we have arranged for the current issue to contain **15 papers (246 pages)** covering applications in a wide range of topics in mathematics and statistics, which, I believe you will find interesting. For the page numbering, the first issue of each year starts on page one (1) and the tally continues to accumulate in subsequent issues until the end of that year. The "issues" themselves are numbered in the same way. Volumes indicating the year of publication. The changes, where applied, have been indicated to prevent any confusion and mis-references.

I am deeply appreciative of the commitment of our Board of Editors (updated version attached) and reviewers, who are always ready and willing to work with authors in order to get their manuscripts to publishable AAM standards. I am especially grateful to those who submit extremely in depth reports, those authors can tremendous benefit from. Their volunteer and priceless contributions represent a great service to the profession. We also caution that final acceptance or rejection of a manuscript is an integral part of the peer review process and that rejection, in no way, minimizes the professional statue of the author(s).

My gratitude is finally extended to my departmental faculty, staff and Prairie View A&M University for providing the opportunity to get the journal online. With warmest regards, Haghighi

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