



### Thank You Reviewers

Critical to a first-class journal is the paper review process, and specifically the reviewers. Therefore, I thought that it would be appropriate to publicly thank all of our reviewers for their dedicated effort on behalf of our journal, *Optical Engineering*. There are two levels to this thank you. The first is from me as Editor. Without the willingness of our colleagues to act as reviewers, my task as your Editor would be impossible. During April and May alone, I solicited 152 colleagues from around the world to act as reviewers. Relatively few of these potential reviewers will turn me down flat if our historical statistics persist. There are, of course, a number of very good reasons why a reviewer cannot carry out the review—traveling for several weeks, illness, in a hospital recuperating, on special assignment, on jury duty, etc. Sometimes I have sent a paper to a reviewer and the topic is outside his or her immediate area of expertise. In many cases, the reviewer that I have solicited will suggest one or two names of people who could be asked to take on the assignment. So reviewers, your Editor certainly thanks you all.

An even more important thank you comes from the authors themselves. They overwhelmingly appreciate the contribution of the reviewers in improving the presentation of their work. Here are just a few quotes from recent mail:

*The authors appreciate the help from the reviewers whose comments greatly improved the paper.*

*I am grateful to the reviewers for their critical reading of the manuscript.*

*The reviewers made a number of helpful suggestions and corrections for which I am grateful. I modified the manuscript accordingly and these modifications are detailed below.*

*I would like to compliment you on your work as the Editor of *Optical Engineering*. Among the eight different journals in which my research has been published, *Optical Engineering* is the best in obtaining quality reviews in a timely fashion. Your fine job is highly appreciated.*

*Thank you for having my paper refereed. I readily agree that the manuscript was written in a hurry and that it needs to be improved. I have introduced important changes and I should like to submit this new version for publication. . . . I did my best to follow the suggestions of the referees and please let me thank both of them for their contribution.*

I assure the readers that this is not a biased sample of the correspondence I received. On a couple of occasions, the authors have had some concern about possible bias in the reviews. I see no evidence of that, and a third reviewer is always used to resolve differences of opinion between the original reviewers. I have no doubt that on occasion we will reject a paper that should perhaps be published . . . but maybe not. In any event, that is a price we willingly pay for the integrity of the review process. So I pass on the very genuine thanks of our authors to our reviewers.

### A Question of Probability

During the month of May, 27 papers were submitted to *Optical Engineering*—that number does not include, of course, papers for special sections. There were 25 days in the month when mail could be delivered to my office. On one of those days I received 9 papers (!), living proof of the validity of the outer reaches of the probability distribution curve!

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