

Editorial

In the last issue of the Journal (July 2002), I had included in my Editorial, a publication highlighting the importance of academic staff to publish. I had also invited comments from the readers so that we can generate some discussion. Unfortunately, few readers send in their comments.

In the present issue we are including a theme paper entitled "The Guide to Writing and Publishing Research Papers in Peer-Reviewed Journals". It is hoped that readers will find it useful and seriously consider sending in their comments as a discussion paper for publication in the July 2003 issue of the Journal. It is also hoped that they will get encouragement in sending their research findings for publication in the Journal.

In addition to the above paper, a paper entitled "Taming the Floods of Trinidad" would be of interest to readers. Recently, we had severe flooding in various parts of the country. This paper presents a critical review of some of the issues relating to the flooding problem in Trinidad with a hope that the author's comments would be utilised in formulating a much-needed Flood Management Strategy for Trinidad and Tobago.

It is also to be noted that in this issue four technical publications are included covering various areas of research in the field of Engineering.

We sincerely hope that these papers will be of interest to you and inspire you to send in papers related to your areas of research.

Every year, the Faculty of Engineering has an essay writing competition for its students. This competition is being sponsored by ENRON Oil and Gas (Trinidad) Limited (EOG). The best essay entitled "Preservation of the Environment" written by Mr. Rishi D. Paryag, a student in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering is published in this issue.

Finally, I wish to once again reiterate that both the readership of the Journal and the involvement of our local practicing professional engineers, in its growth and development, continue to be limited. In an effort to expand the Journal's readership and provide Caribbean professional with greater involvement, we invite you once again, to join us by way of writing articles/papers for possible publication, and also by advising your colleagues in the profession to subscribe to the Journal.



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