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### **Editorial**

With the first issue of 2001, the JMSJ became a 100% English-language journal when Japanese abstracts were removed. The editors also made major changes in the front cover and the page size. The changes are timely for JMSJ as an international journal, because submissions from overseas, especially from Asian countries, have increased in recent years.

Beginning with the first issue of 2002, the next challenge of JMSJ is publishing and disseminating papers in electronic form as an online journal. For this reason, the editorial committee has decided to participate in a program called J-STAGE (The Japan Science and Technology Aggregator, Electronic), which is organized by the Japan Science and Technology Corporation. J-STAGE will make research articles appearing in JMSJ available to any reader in the world at (<http://www.jstage.jst.go.jp/en/>). Readers can also access J-STAGE from the society web site (<http://wwwsoc.nii.ac.jp/msj/index-e.html>). To find JMSJ papers in J-STAGE, click on the JMSJ icon. Scientific papers featured in JMSJ as well as cited articles will be available via links.

The editorial committee will upload articles to the Internet three months after their publication in print in order to support the previllage of subscribers of the paper journal although the abstract will be uploaded immediately. Such a restriction, however, may be relaxed in the future. On behalf of the society, we would like to thank our readers for their strong support in subscribing to JMSJ.

We hope that the electronic version of the journal will attract more attention from the wide range of members and non-members of the society.

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