

EDITORIAL

This issue of the *Johns Hopkins APL Technical Digest* incorporates small but significant changes and additions that are expected to become permanent features of the future issues. The most obvious change is the newly designed cover and the location of its description on the top of the inside cover page. The reader might also have noticed the new "Notes" section. This section will include short technical articles that describe "work in progress"—work that is not quite finished and wrapped up, but contains exciting scientific and/or technological elements that can be intelligently shared with the readers. The present issue contains a "Research Note," but it is expected that notes on engineering, development, and technological topics will be forthcoming.

With this issue, we welcome Karen M. Belton as the managing editor of the *Digest*. She replaces James D. Shambach, who left the Laboratory at the end of January. Our sincere thanks to Jim for his dedication in overseeing the editorial and production components of the *Digest* for the past 5 1/2 years. Karen has also had a long association with the *Digest*. She has been a member of the editorial staff and until recently was the associate editor. We can rely with confidence on her extensive and detailed knowledge of the problems and challenges offered by the *Digest*.

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