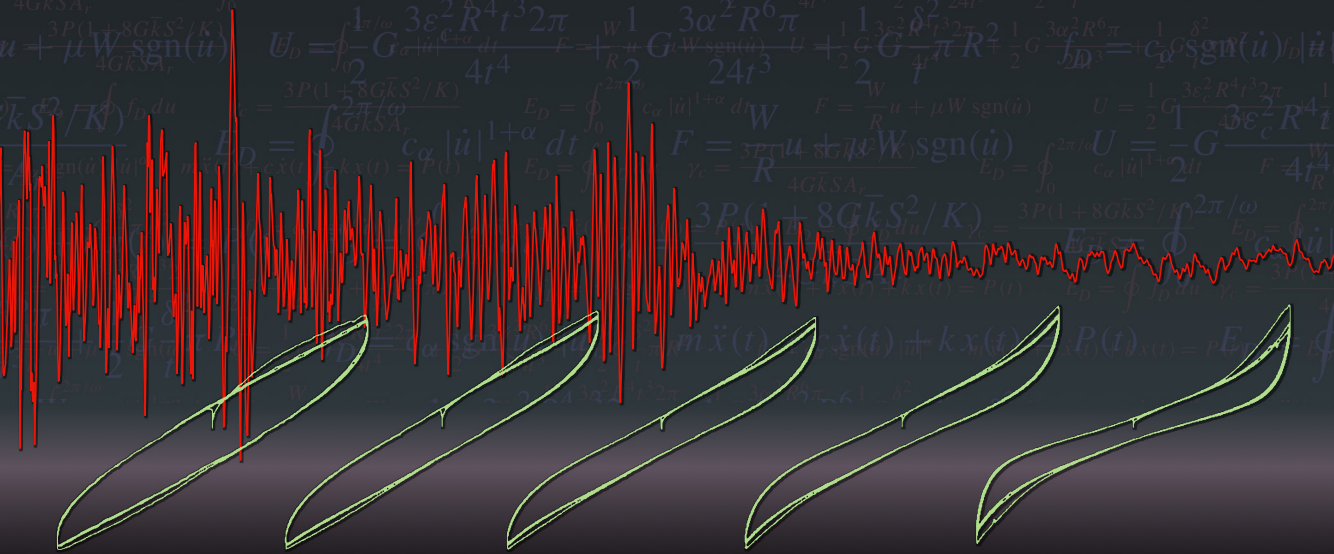


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Dear Readers,

It gives me great pleasure to introduce you to the first issue of Seismic Isolation and Protection Systems, the journal of ASSISi. The Society has felt for some time that these technologies have lacked the focussed forum that their own specialist journal could provide. The aim is to complement the biennial ASSISi Conference, and bring together refereed articles covering research, development and implementation from academia, research institutes, consultancies, device suppliers and the construction industry. We hope that those in any of these sectors will find the journal an essential aid to keeping abreast of the latest advances, and that they will regard it as the obvious choice for publication of their own work.

Initially, the journal will be published three times a year, in electronic format only. Members of ASSISi will have free access to the journal, thus ensuring a strong readership base from the outset.

This first issue covers a range of topics, including device performance, industrial and civil applications, state of the art, design criteria and health monitoring. We expect to maintain the same, high standard of articles in future.

Earthquakes continue to cause material devastation and human suffering, the recent events in China, Haiti, Italy, Chile and New Zealand being the most recent examples. Given the potential of seismic isolation and energy dissipation systems to minimize the seismic risk to structures, it is the hope and wish of ASSISi that this new journal, by improving the dissemination of ideas, will facilitate the work of the earthquake engineering community towards its goal of reducing the casualties and financial losses associated with structural damage and collapse.



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