

## FROM THE EDITOR.....

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Research and Development is the basis on which scientific as well as Engineering progress made. However, research and development done in isolation will neither help the researcher nor the public as a whole, as it will not get critical evaluation on fundamental principles and practicality in application. This is where Publication assumes its all important role.

Even more than in other fields of science, Engineering research needs to go through the 'grind' to become accepted, since its application is direct and practically oriented. In the countries where most of the Engineering research and development is done, publication is the major tool for dissemination, review and evaluation. It is through this process the Engineering products, which are efficient, practical, and safe as well as economical originate for the overall well being of the public.

However, this is one of the major aspects lacking in the Engineering profession in Sri Lanka. Practicing Engineers are seldom motivated to write research papers leaving this particular aspect almost exclusively in the domain of the academics. Our profession needs to share knowledge not only from academics but also from the experiences of practicing and research Engineers.

Therefore, it is my humble appeal to all professional Engineers, to put into organized thought and then to the written word, your research, experience or innovations, for the benefit of the profession and eventually the country and the public.

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