

# (Re-)Introducing the IMEJ: A home for the dissemination of research and development in marine renewable energy

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TWO years ago we launched the *International Marine Energy Journal* (IMEJ) in response to requests and encouragement from the marine renewable energy community to create a journal dedicated to our field of research. Four issues later and I can say that this has been a rewarding and challenging process. As a new open access journal with minimal resources and without a large cohort of reviewers to draw on it has taken time to subject submitted papers to the rigorous review required. Understandably, authors have been reluctant to submit to a new journal that is not yet indexed. However, with the support of the international Editorial Board, we are moving forward in this process and now we have both an ISSN and are able to assign DOI identifiers to articles.

The *International Marine Energy Journal* (IMEJ) deals with research and development in the renewable marine energy arena. It is a bold new initiative by the marine renewable energy community. It is an open-access only journal where authors maintain copyright over their work. By “cutting out the middle man” of the traditional academic publisher, the journal is able to operate a lean, online-only platform which keeps the costs of publishing as low as possible, and substantially lower than traditional publishers. There is no diminution of quality however; all articles to be published in IMEJ undergo rigorous single-blind peer review by at least two independent expert referees, after initial screening with industry-standard anti-plagiarism software.

IMEJ justifies its ‘I’ by a genuinely international Editorial Board of renowned experts in the field who are committed to provide the Journal’s global contributors and readers the best in depth coverage of important areas of marine and offshore renewable energy as well as to

provide coherence and direction to the journal.

IMEJ publishes research articles covering theoretical, experimental and applied studies in the science, engineering and development of wave and tidal energy. It will also publish authoritative and up-to-date review articles. With the help of its Editorial Board, we plan to build the status of the journal and to expand its areas of coverage as well as to invite highly relevant and targeted special issues of the journal.

With the support of the Executive Board of the European Wave and Tidal Energy Conference (EWTEC), IMEJ has been selected to publish special issues of this highly respected conference. All articles selected for the special issue have been peer reviewed by two reviewers and specifically recommended for inclusion by the reviewers. The authors are drawn from a diverse range of disciplines – including fluid mechanics, mechanical and civil engineering, oceanography, control systems, environmental impacts and economics. I hope that you will agree that they have once again brought both breadth and depth of expertise, along with technical quality, to this issue of the *International Marine Energy Journal*.

As the Editor-in-Chief, I look forward to continue to work with authors, reviewers, researchers, the Editorial Board and all stakeholders in this important field of marine energy. Together we can succeed to build IMEJ as the prime vehicle for the dissemination of our research and development in the important area of marine energy conversion technologies and studies.

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