

# INTRODUCTION TO THE ISSUE

## PERSPECTIVES MAGAZINE

Welcome to the second issue of *Perspectives Magazine*. Perhaps you recall that the first issue appeared in July 2016 and have noticed the long interval between issues—it was much longer than anticipated when the first issue appeared. New endeavors very often encounter special startup problems, and *Perspectives* is no exception in this regard. Rather than enumerate the problems, and there were quite a few, I would rather speak of two important changes that will make issues of our magazine more frequent.

The role of Editor-in-Chief for *Perspectives Magazine* is a volunteer position, like nearly all Editorial roles in professional technical societies. The job is rewarding in many ways, yes, and it requires—in addition to time and effort—that attention be devoted to it on a regular basis. To keep up the steady push needed to move *Perspectives* forward, I decided to share the burden by

adding an Associate Editor-in-Chief. Dr. Jason Williams has joined *Perspectives Magazine* in this role. He brings a point of view that contributes to the international character that ISIF supports, and he has contributed much to making the second issue happen. I trust that all of ISIF will welcome him in this new role.



Another important step forward was recognizing the practical consequences of making *Perspectives* a magazine. It has many different kinds of articles with different writing styles and formats, and different review requirements as well. No issue is complete until every Department has at least one article. It is the duty of a magazine's Production Manager (PM) to work with the Technical Editors to seek papers that supply missing content. The final task of a PM is to assemble the issue from its parts to ensure that it has the desired look and feel when seen whole. *Perspectives* does not have a PM, but it certainly needs one. And now we do! It is my great pleasure to announce that Kristy Virostek of Conference Catalysts is assuming this role of PM beginning in 2019. Welcome aboard, Kristy!

This issue brings to you the broad cross-section of article types for which we aim. The first feature describes the excellent effort chronicling the longitudinal development of the Fusion community, presented at the twentieth FUSION conference in Xi'an in 2017. The second outlines an exciting project which aims to influence the future of the Fusion community, through bringing together a critical mass of data sets, evaluation methods and algorithms in an open source framework. Another article focuses on celebrating achievements in the Fusion community; you will find the history of FUSION conference awards, and articles announcing the latest FUSION conference awards, and ISIF awards.

A production like this is made possible by the contributions of authors, unnamed reviewers, and associate editors. Thank you, one and all, for the time and effort you gave to making this issue of *Perspectives Magazine* a reality.

**Roy Streit**  
Editor-in-Chief

