

Note from the editor

"If we continue to develop our technology without wisdom or prudence, our servant may prove to be our executioner.."

— Omar Bradley.

Technology Management is a term that has received a lot of attention in engineering management in recent years. However, much debate exists whether this is an independent discipline, or simply a combination of a number of existing management disciplines, selected for their applicability in the engineering environment. Our feature article examines this aspect in more detail, and specifically, whether education in this discipline would be of benefit to a technology conversant management program.

As mentioned in the last edition, when one takes over a new role, it is always dangerous to make too many changes too soon. Changes are thus made at a controlled pace, so that we have the opportunity to understand and control the impact.

The following changes since our previous edition:

- This is the first edition that will mostly exist electronically only - an important milestone for the journal. A limited printed edition is available for current paid subscriptions, and on order only if you prefer to buy one. We believe the on-line edition can reach a much wider audience, and limiting printing costs is a wise decision in the changed journal environment. If you want to order a printed edition, please contact our administrator.
- Three issues are currently issued per year, and we have a significant backlog in submissions, making a fourth issue per year feasible. For now, because we will not be mailing a lot of hard copy journals every month, we can allow each edition to contain more journal articles, therefore increasing the throughput.
- Two section editors have now started to become active. This will make our process more scalable, thus allowing us to process submissions faster, and making the process less dependent on individuals like myself becoming the bottleneck.
- When we had only printed editions, we relied heavily on advertisers. Now that we are going to have a much smaller printed run, we recognise that these advertisers are effectively also sponsoring our journal. They are now also given recognition on the SAIE website.

Twelve of the sixteen articles are from South African authors, the balance from international authors. This is partly due to a stricter acceptance process, where submissions that do not conform to the style and language requirements of the journal are not allowed into the review process.

If you have suggestions on how we can take this journal forward, please let me know.

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