

Editorial

First and foremost, JMEE extends heartfelt congratulations on the arrival of the 2024 New Year.

Reflecting on the past year, we celebrate the 30th anniversary of JMEE. On this special occasion, we've curated the 'Top 30 Papers From JMEE's First 30 Years'. The previous issue featured a joint editorial, "Understanding the Ocean, Protecting the Environment, and Engineering the Earth: 30th Anniversary of JMEE," authored by all Editors-in-Chief since JMEE's inception.

In 2023, JMEE collaborated on academic conferences, including the 6th National Conference on Island and Reef Geotechnical Engineering in China and the 3rd International Symposium on Marine Engineering Geology (ISMEG 2023). This issue proudly presents Zhuangcai Tian's selected conference paper on internal solitary waves from ISMEG 2023.

JMEE, with associated academic organizations, initiated the Marine Environmental Engineering Awards. The 2023 awardees include Srineash Vijaya Kumar (Rising Star Award), Xuguang Chen (Outstanding Young Researcher Award), and Devendra Narain Singh (Lifetime Achievement Award). Find their award citations on the JMEE website and the first page of their invited award paper. An invited award paper, authored by Xuguang Chen on deep-sea mining, is featured in this

issue, with papers from other awardees scheduled for subsequent releases. Congratulations to all inaugural winners!

The 2023 Marine Environmental Engineering Awards are jointly presented by JMEE, the Marine Engineering Geology Commission of IAEG (IAEG-C34), Task Group on Submarine Geohazards of IUGS (IUGS-TGSG), and Committee on Marine Geo-disaster and Geo-environment of ICGdR (ICGdR-TC4). We hope more academic organizations join us in participating and collaborating in the Marine Environmental Engineering Awards.

Thanks to authors for high-quality submissions, reviewers, and editorial board members. The 'Reviewer of the Year 2023' was awarded to Ming Sun (Stony Brook University). JMEE has updated its editorial board, establishing a Youth Editorial Board. Starting from 2023, JMEE papers have DOIs, and the JMEE website has undergone changes. We express gratitude to our publisher, Old City Publishing, and extend special thanks to Guy Griffiths and Ed Farnsworth for their assistance.

Once again, we wish you all a Happy New Year in 2024!

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