

## Summary: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The Association of Environmental Engineering and Science Professors (AEESP) and Mary Ann Liebert, Inc., publishers (LIEBERT), publisher of the journal Environmental Engineering Science (EES), are considering an association whereby AEESP will adopt EES as its official journal to support the AEESP's broader mission and educational objectives. The MOU will serve as the foundation for the formal agreement, which is planned for 5 years, with either party given the option to terminate the agreement for breach of contract.

*AEESP and LIEBERT agree to the following principles on making EES the official AEESP journal:*

### **Journal Content**

- 1) LIEBERT will put the AEESP name and logo on the Journal cover, web page (with a live hyperlink), in all EES promotional literature— including tens of thousands of promotional flyers. LIEBERT's press releases, which are occasionally translated into Chinese, are picked up by news agencies and print and web-based media all over the world.
- 2) EES will catalyze AEESP participation through ongoing news or perspectives columns, a President's message, white papers or other authoritative reports, highlights of the AEESPs meetings or special issues generated by AEESP members.
- 3) EES will welcome and invite article submissions by AEESP members.
- 4) The Editor-in-Chief and Publisher will consult with AEESP BOD to ensure that the instructions for authors and journal description accurately convey and reflect the AEESP goals and mission.

### **Editorial Board**

- 1) The majority of the members of the EES Editorial Board will be AEESP members in good standing. Nominations for open board positions will be sought from the AEESP BOD.
- 2) EES board meetings will be held in conjunction with the AEESP Education and Research Conference, held once every 2 years. LIEBERT will fund an editorial board event at the AEESP meeting to report to the EES editorial board on the status of the journal. EES representatives will provide annual reports on the journal status and call-in for AEESP BOD meetings on non-conference years.
- 3) Domenico Grasso will continue as Editor-in-Chief of EES. However, at such time that he elects to step down and a new Editor-in-Chief is to be named, this will be done by mutual agreement between AEESP BOD and LIEBERT.
- 4) The Editor-in-Chief will have full independence in determining journal content, with the exception of AEESP-related announcements, position papers, and other content provided from AEESP that is editorial or nonscientific in nature.

### **Journal Access**

- 1) All AEESP members (with the exception of sustaining or institutional members) will have free access to the entire journal archive for a period of 3 month, including over 1,700 articles and 18,000 pages. Beginning January 1, 2013, members will be provided the option to purchase personal online access to EES at a discounted rate of \$99 per year in the first year, with rate increases negotiated with the AEESP BOD.
- 2) Beginning Jan 1, 2013, new AEESP members will be entitled to a 1-month trial subscription on line.
- 3) Beginning Jan 1, 2013, student members of AEESP will be given the option of online access to the journal at a rate of \$29 per year with rate increases negotiated with the AEESP BOD.

### **AEESP Newsletter**

LIEBERT will provide typesetting and layout services for the AEESP Newsletter in 2013 and beyond if LIEBERT's prevailing publication fees are within AEESP's budget, and if at least 75 AEESP members subscribe to the Journal at the society discount rate.