

Editorial

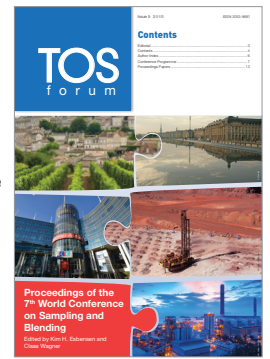
This issue number 5 of *TOS forum* is dedicated to publishing the Proceedings of the 7th World Conference on Sampling and Blending, WCSB7. The process that ends with the publication in your hands (or on your PC/tablet screen) started at the previous WCSB6 (2013, Lima, Chile) when it was realised that the world economic depression would likely mean that sponsorship would be much more difficult to obtain (something that was an under-estimate as the last two years have proved). So, a radically different strategy for the publication of the proceedings was called for. The present Editor offered to shoulder this responsibility, aiming at a dramatically small, but effective production setup (an editorial staff of two, and IM Publications).

The entire editorial process—abstract submission, grading (naturally this was the job for the full scientific committee) and

in the organisation of this complex process (from his remote “web post office” in Athens). Most importantly, the Editorial staff extends a very big THANK YOU to ALL the reviewers involved: Francis Pitard, Rolf Steinhaus, Richard Minnitt, Pentti Minkkinen, Stéphane Brochot, Dominique François-Bongarçon, Ana Carolina Chierigati, Claudia Paoletti, the Editors themselves, Simon Dominey, Ralph Holmes. The Editor would like to acknowledge the excellent collaboration with IM Publications. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, Ian, Sara, Katie!

As soon as the conference is over, the WCSB7 Proceedings will be the main lasting physical documentation that will be available to posterity. In this context, we owe a great debt of gratitude to IM Publications for the creative suggestion to publish the proceedings both as the conventional printed issue, as an accompanying USB stick, as well as freely available on the Internet as an Open Access publication. The

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subsequent ranking of the 56 submissions, peer reviews, revisions, rebuttals, second reviews... ending with 38 finally accepted manuscripts—had to be conducted under severe time pressure due to the 2015 Easter holiday season interacting with an unmerciful vengeance, and was for these reasons very intense. THANK YOU VERY MUCH to Claas Wagner for keeping meticulous order

latter is likely to be the most important dissemination option in the broader historical view. With all of the above the Editor can be fully satisfied with these contributions to the evolution of the by now well-established WCSB tradition.

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