

I wish to announce a new service being offered by the *Journal of Tribology* and the ASME Tribology Division. It is an electronic online information service (called Tribology Online) which will be accessible by Internet or Bitnet to any interested parties beginning on April 1, 1994. Tribology Online will contain the following items:

—Abstracts of all papers accepted for publication in the *Journal of Tribology*, but not yet published. Authors of papers accepted for publication in the Journal will be asked to send an electronic copy of their abstract, either on disk or through electronic mail, to the Technical Editor (address given below). The abstracts will be edited, if necessary, and saved in a publicly accessible file until after the article appears in print in the Journal.

—Supporting data for papers published in the Journal of Tribology. This would be similar in form to the Journal Data Bank recently established by the *Journal of Fluids Engineering*. These data would support figures in papers or could be supplementary data that would traditionally have been printed in Appendices. It is usually more convenient and accurate for interested readers to have the exact digital data in a file instead of trying to obtain such information from a scaled-down figure. It is also much more economical in terms of journal space to have the data available somewhere other than in an Appendix to the paper. Authors who believe they have significant data, experimental or numerical, to share with the readership of this Journal are invited to submit them on a disk, together with their manuscript. Alternatively, the editors may invite authors who submitted papers to supplement their manuscript with data. The data would be reviewed and, if accepted, will be included in the data bank.

—Calls for papers for the ASME/STLE Tribology Conference and other relevant conferences

—Information for authors of papers for the Journal of Tribology

—An electronic copy of the Tribology Division Newsletter.

Other material could be added later at the discretion of the monitor of the bulletin board/database. For the next few years (during my term as Technical Editor) the Tribology Online system will be based at Dartmouth College and I will act as its overall monitor. Information or data which someone wishes to have included in the system will be sent to me at the following address: Francis.Kennedy@Dartmouth.edu. (I might note that we will still not be able to accept papers submitted for the *Journal of Tribology* by electronic means, but this may be a first step in that direction.)

Individuals who wish to gain access to Tribology Online should use the following procedure:

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ftp tribology.dartmouth.edu
anonymous
your name or local userid
cd pub/JOT
dir
cd-----
get readbl.doc
quit
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[The archive can also be accessed as:

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/afs/northstar/public/ftp/pub/JOT
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or, from a Mosaic client as:

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ftp://tribology.dartmouth.edu/pub/JOT]
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I wish to note that ASME is in the process of establishing the ASME Electronic Network, which will provide a wide variety of online services to the membership beginning in the winter of 1994-95. It is planned to make Tribology Online available in parallel over the ASME network as soon as that network becomes widely accessible.

I wish to take this opportunity to remind the readership of the ASME requirement that authors pay Mandatory page charges for papers which exceed a six page limit. A number of authors have not paid their mandatory page charges (the total of delinquent mandatory excess page charges for the *Journal of Tribology* was \$13,400 as of March 1, 1994, and for all ASME journals the total is approaching \$200 K). We have been forced to delay publication of papers for which the mandatory page charges have not been paid. It is recommended that all authors attempt to limit the length of their papers to six journal pages or less by eliminating unnecessary text or figures. Longer papers will be subject to the mandatory excess page charge, which must be paid prior to publication in the Journal.

Finally, I wish to express the appreciation of the Editorial Board to Dr. Said Jahanmir, who completed his term as Associate Editor of the *Journal of Tribology* on December 31, 1993. Dr. Jahanmir carried out his editorial duties very conscientiously during his three year term. Two well-respected tribologists have been appointed to replace Dr. Jahanmir and the late Professor Maurice Godet on the Editorial Board. The new Associate Editors are Prof. Thomas Farris of Purdue University, whose areas are contact mechanics and manufacturing tribology, and Dr. Paul Sutor of Surfaces Research and Applications, whose areas are solid lubrication, tribochemistry, and ceramic tribology. Both individuals have recently begun three-year terms on the Editorial Board of the Journal.

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