Message from the Editor

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Adding to the body of knowledge is the goal of research, the scientific method of inquiry, and other creative activities. The pursuit of new knowledge, however, is dependent on the dissemination and archiving of research findings and the results of creative activities, and ready access to that new knowledge. Ready access, or the ability to retrieve new knowledge, cannot be overemphasized; timely access and ease of access are essential to sustaining the process of creating new knowledge and improving human undertakings. For these reasons, there are abstracting and indexing services and databases.

Abstracting & Indexing Databases

For at least the life of the online *EDGJ*, librarians, members of the Division, annual and mid-year conference authors, and *EDGJ* authors have made inquiries regarding the abstracting and indexing databases that service the *EDGJ*. An abstracting database provides brief summaries of publications, often on a subject or group of related subjects. An indexing database assigns descriptors and other types of access points to documents, such as papers in proceedings and journal articles.

According to Ulrichsweb, an easy to search source of detailed information on more than 300,000 periodicals, the *EDGJ* is serviced by the following abstracting and indexing services/databases:

- EBSCOhost
  - Applied Science & Technology Source, 1/1/2012-
  - Engineering Source, 1/1/2012-
  - ERIC (Education Resources Information Center), 1987-1988, 1990-1991, 1995-
  - Inspec
- Elsevier BV
  - Compendex (COMPuterized ENgineering InDEX)
  - Scopus, 2003-
- ERIC (Education Resources Information Center)
  - ERIC (Education Resources Information Center), 1987-1988, 1990-1991, 1995-
- OCLC
  - ArticleFirst, vol.54, no.1, 1990-vol.72, no.3, 2008
- Ovid
  - ERIC (Education Resources Information Center), 1987-1988, 1990-1991, 1995-
  - Inspec

- ProQuest
  - ERIC (Education Resources Information Center), 1987-1988, 1990-1991, 1995-
- The Engineering Index Monthly (DVD)
- VINITI RAN
  - Referativnyi Zhurnal

Services provided by abstracting and indexing services/databases improve the visibility of the *EDGJ* and provides researchers with a means to continue adding to bodies of knowledge. In response, the *EDGJ* is in the process of completing a JSTOR (Journal Storage) publication license agreement and its recent application to Thomson Reuters is under review.