

## *Foreword*

At the end of this month, I will be retiring as the Managing Editor of the Journal of Engineered Fibers and Fabrics (JEFF). I am fortunate to have been the first editor of the Journal, from its launch through its Thomson Reuters Accreditation. The growth and success that the Journal has experienced, however, is mostly due to the global research interest and underlying support that the sponsors, area editors and reviewers have so graciously provided. For this, I am extremely grateful.

The new Managing Editor will be Dr. Edward A. (Ed) Vaughn, Professor Emeritus at Clemson University, USA. Many of you either know Ed or know of him. However, please allow me to share some information from his distinguished background. Dr. Vaughn received a B.S. degree in physics and mathematics (Lynchburg College, 1962), M.S. degree in textiles, engineering and science (Institute of Textile Technology, 1964) and Ph.D. in textile physics, under the guidance of J.W.S. Hearle (Victoria University at Manchester, 1969). As an educator, Ed's career spans 40 years in various positions at Clemson, including Department Head and Director of the School of Textiles. He has also been a consultant to industry and has served as President of the National Council for Textile Education and the Textile Quality Control Association.

Please join me in welcoming Ed Vaughn as the new Managing Editor. Under Ed's leadership, great strides are in store for JEFF.

*Bill Haile*