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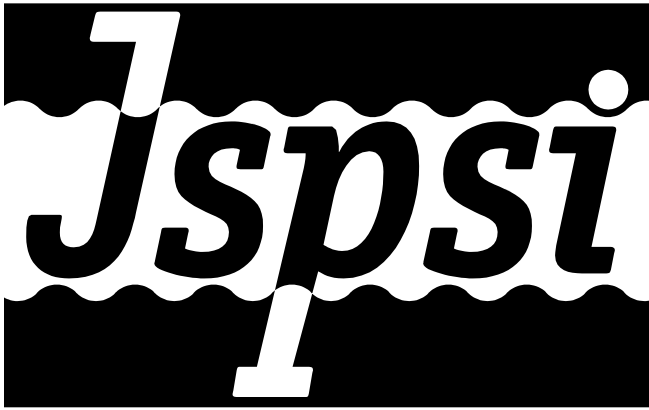
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Welcome!

Welcome to the inaugural issue of the *Journal of the Swimming Pool and Spa Industry* – a publication we believe our industry is ready for. Many excellent publications are currently available in the pool industry, each designed for a different purpose and a different readership; from general to service to retail. As of yet, however, we are not aware of one seeking out and publishing purely technical material covering interests of the entire swimming pool and spa industry. This is the function of our journal – to publish that kind of material that is too technical for publishing in a trade magazine. Some existing technical journals publish, from time to time, articles which relate to our industry (such as the *Journal of the American Water Works Association*, *Ozone News*, *Vom Wasser*, or the *Journal of Applied Microbiology*) but they don't delve deep enough, much less exclusively, into the swimming pool and spa industry. There is a wealth of material available in the technical realm, from conventional water chemistry to plaster technology, from alternative sanitizers to alternative surfaces, from plastic performance to motor curves. Some of this material describes new research, some explains conventional wisdom in a technical manner not readily available or understood in the industry today. It is the intent of the *JSPSI* to assemble, edit, and publish this type of material, providing an open forum for education, discussion and debate.

The journal format is time-honored in the world of academia. *JSPSI* will not attempt to reinvent the format, but will be structured much the same as other existing journals. The following is a list of what we expect to include in issues:

Research Papers: A wealth of research is currently being conducted in the industry, and the primary purpose of this journal will be to provide a forum for the publishing of research findings. Published material is expected to detail completed projects, although some papers describing works in progress may be accepted. Papers will include documentation as needed, including chemical formulas, mathematical support, tables, illustrations, and references. This issue's articles on cyanuric acid chemistry, alkalinity dosages, and nanofiltration are examples of this type of paper.

Informative papers: Some areas of knowledge are well researched and understood in certain circles, but not in the general pool industry. For example, cement curing, metal ion and ozone activity in water, heater efficiency and emissions, motor performance curves, etc. are all well understood in selected circles, but not to the industry as a whole. Informative papers will be printed which explain, at a technical level,

these types of ideas for the education of those in the industry who are technically minded, but not yet exposed to that particular segment of knowledge. This issue's article on ozone is an example of an informative paper.

Annotated Bibliographies: When appropriate, annotated bibliographies will be printed. The purpose of this type of bibliography is to collect in one location as complete a listing as possible of documentation on a particular subject. Such listings may be useful in furthering research in a given area. Unlike a simple bibliography, which merely lists all of the publications containing the data, annotated bibliographies include paragraph-long descriptive or evaluative summaries after each citation, so that the reader knows what he may expect to find without having to locate and read each separate work. For example, annotations relating to the Saturation Index might look like this:

Cardall, John T. and Jonathan S. Powell Jr. "The Fallibility of the Langelier Index." *Pool News* (4 Aug. 1974): 40–43. [Cardall and Powell discuss the inappropriateness of applying the Langelier Index to swimming pools, and describe experiments which they conducted, refuting the validity of the index in the pool environment. They discuss some of the factors in the pool environment which interfere with the index.]

Hamilton, Jock qtd. in Paul Konrad. "Whose Numbers Tell the Story?" *Pool & Spa News* (10 Apr. 1989): 22–26. [Hamilton is quoted in this story as refuting the Langelier Index's appropriateness in swimming pools, and offering an alternate index (the Hamilton Index) which he claims sufficiently addresses the pool environment.]

Langelier, Wilfred F. "The Analytical Control of Anti-corrosion Water Treatment." *Journal of the American Water Works Association (AWWA)* 28 #10 (1936):1500–1521. [This is the original paper published on the saturation concept, which has since become known as the Langelier Saturation Index. Langelier is cited as an associate professor of sanitary engineering at UC Berkeley. The article contains formulas, tables, photographs, and references, as well as a history of study on saturation. The index is applied to municipal water piping systems. No mention is made to possible swimming pool applications of the concept.]

Thomas, Jerome qtd. in Paul Konrad. "Whose Numbers Tell the Story?" *Pool & Spa News* (10 Apr. 1989):

22–26. [Dr. Thomas, successor to Dr. Langelier at UC Berkeley, is quoted in this article. He maintains that the Langelier Index “has no significance to open bodies of water – including swimming pools and spas.”]

Book Reviews: Books relating to technical aspects of the swimming pool industry may be reviewed. Reviewers will be qualified, independent persons, who will evaluate books based on such factors as content, accuracy, and readability. This issue contains a book review as an example of this type of article, and we hope to review other books as they become available.

Letters to the Editor: Appropriate letters to the editor may be printed. Letters will be responses or rebuttals to material in previous issues of the journal, and must be technical in nature.

Short Technical Notes: Notes of a technical nature, but of short length may be included in this category. An example of a short technical note is the terminology note in this issue. Technical notes are typically accepted and sent to publication much quicker than a paper, due to their brevity, and can therefore be useful under certain circumstances.

Abstracts: Each submission in the journal is preceded by an abstract (the summary/introductory paragraph in italics at the start of each paper). As articles pertaining to the swimming pool/spa industry appear in other journals, the abstract may be reprinted in this journal, to alert our readers to the appearance of the article.

Special Reports: These are reports which review research results of topical importance in a particular facet of the industry, and are usually commissioned in advance by the Editor.

Symposia-in-Print: These are collections of original research or informative papers, each individual paper being only about three to five pages in length, all held together by a unified theme. Subjects of forthcoming Symposia-in-print will periodically be announced in the journal. A Guest Editor will be assigned to head the project, and he will in turn invite authors active in the field of the symposium to submit papers, which then go through the normal editorial review procedure. Submissions by other authors not specifically invited are considered for inclusion on equal footing with invitees.

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The Editorial Review Board is a group of volunteers who have agreed to read and referee submissions to the Journal. In order to maintain an objective, independent Journal, the Editor does not determine which submissions will be published and which ones will not. The Review Board, comprised of a wide selection of professionals in the publishing, technical, and service facets of the industry, performs a blind review, meaning that the Editor removes the cover sheet and other identifying text before the Board members see the submission. They then judge suitability based on sound scientific method, clarity, readability, pertinence to the industry and the Journal, etc. Each submission is reviewed by at least three

individuals, two of whom must be Board members, and one of whom may be selected as needed from the industry at large for particular expertise on a specific subject. Board members do not know which other members are reviewing a particular submission, and if a Board member chooses to abandon anonymity to contact a particular author for clarification, he/she will not compromise other reviewers (if known).

These Review Board members, along with the advisor to the editor, deserve our special thanks and appreciation. The JSPSI is a non-profit publication, and these individuals donate their time and efforts on our behalf. In subsequent issues they will be listed, but without full biographic information. We would like to take this initial opportunity, however, to introduce them (in alphabetical order):

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