



Editorial

I am very honored to have been invited by our *Editor-in-Chief*, Prof. Guilherme Parsekian, to write this issue's editorial. IBRACON (Brazilian Concrete Institute), as you probably know, is celebrating its Jubilee this year of 2022. Fifty years of challenges and realizations dedicated to promoting the concrete industry in our country. This is a tremendous achievement and we all should be immensely proud of what have been done with sacrifice and dedication by members, board, staff, and all participants of our activities.

The *IBRACON Structures and Materials Journal (ISMJ)* is one of the most important realizations of our institute during these 50 years. In 2007, along with my colleagues, I participated in the creation of the *Structural Journal* and the *Materials Journal*. Later these two periodicals have been merged into the current format of the *IBRACON Structures and Materials Journal (ISMJ)*. Many difficulties and challenges had to be dealt with over this period, but we have succeeded to consolidate our publication, while improving its editorial quality. Since then, the IBRACON Journal has built a positive reputation in Latin America, as one of the most important scientific publications in Civil Engineering. This recognition is also observed worldwide over the recent years and the participation of a respectable number of international Associate Editors reflects this aspect.

During the early life of our journal, the dedication and enthusiasm of our now *Editor-in-Chief Emeritus*, Prof. José Luiz Antunes de Oliveira e Sousa, have been crucial for the success of our journal. Years ago, Prof. José Luiz gladly embraced the challenge to consolidate the periodical even with the financial and management limitations of that time. He should be honored and credited, in the name of all our collaborators, for all the accomplishments we have been observing in the recent years under the competent leadership of our current *Editor-in-Chief*.

Prof José Luiz is much more than a colleague for me. He has been a fraternal and loyal friend over all my professional and personal life. I am very grateful to him for all he has taught me, as a friend, a professor, a professional and as a human being, since our old times at Cornell University. Lots of good memories from that time. My sincere thanks to you, Mr. Super! It has been a pleasure to share with you my dreams, challenges, problems, solutions, and accomplishments all this time.

Of course, the constant support provided by the IBRACON Board of Directors, and all the past and future Presidents is deeply appreciated and is key for the future of our now well established periodical. *ISMJ* is included in the *SciELO* collection and is expected soon to be part of the Scopus database, as well.

As part of the 2022 celebrations, we are proud to announce one more issue of our *IBRACON Structures and Materials Journal (ISMJ)*.

Enjoy your reading

Túlio Nogueira Bittencourt
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