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# Cement & Concrete Composites

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## Publisher's Note

With this issue, we would like to update our readers on a few important changes regarding *Cement and Concrete Composites*.

Over the past few years the journal has enjoyed continuous development with Professor John Bolander at the helm, supported by the Associate Editors, Editorial Board, and authors/reviewers of manuscripts for the journal. Throughout his term, John has provided a pivot of stability to the journal, allowing the journal to process the ever-increasing number of submissions and at the same time to maintain its high scientific standard. The most recent Journal Citation Reports released by Thomson Reuters in June 2012 are evidence of the continued progress of the journal - the impact factor for Cement and Concrete Composites has increased from 0.79 to 2.42 over his six-year term as Editor. After years of leadership, John has decided the journal would benefit from a new influx of talent and vision at the lead editorial level. Hereafter, John will remain with us as an Associate Editor, along with Dale Bentz and Obada Kayali.

We are very pleased to announce that Professor **Nemkumar Banthia** has kindly accepted the role of the Editor, taking over the responsibilities from Professor John Bolander as of 1 January, 2013.



**Nemkumar (Nemy) Banthia** is a Professor of Civil Engineering, Distinguished University Scholar and a Senior Canada Research Chair at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada. His primary research interests are in fiber reinforced concrete,

repair and strengthening, structural health monitoring, smart materials, non-destructive condition assessment and low carbon footprint construction materials.

Nemy has edited/co-edited eighteen volumes, published over 300 technical papers, and holds five international patents. A professional engineer in the province of BC, he continues to serve on the technical committees of various professional societies including the American Concrete Institute where he chaired the committee on fiber reinforced concrete for six years, RILEM where he chaired the Technical Committee on FRP-Concrete Bond, and the Canadian Standards Association where he chairs the Durability Committee of the Highway Bridge Design Code. Nemy serves on the editorial boards of six international journals.

Recently, Nemy was invited by the Canadian Prime Minister to lead a Canada-India Research Centre of Excellence (CIRCE) in the areas of sustainable infrastructure, integrated water management and infectious diseases as its Scientific Director.

Nemy has received numerous awards including the WG Hislop Award of the American Concrete Institute BC Chapter, four Best Paper Awards, the Wason Medal from the American Concrete Institute International, Solutions Through Research Award of the British Columbia Innovation Council, Wolfson Merit Award of the Royal Society of the United Kingdom, Distinguished Researcher Award of the Korea Concrete Institute, Killam Research Prize from the Killam Foundation and the Horst Leipholtz Medal of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineering. He is a fellow of the American Concrete Institute, Canadian Society for Civil Engineering, and Indian Concrete Institute. Nemy is a member of the Canadian Academy of Engineering and the Royal Society of Canada.

Nemy is married to Kavita and together they have two beautiful children—daughter Vinita and son Varun.

Elsevier wishes to thank Professor John Bolander most sincerely, meanwhile we welcome Professor Banthia warmly and wish him success with the editorial work.

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