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Time flies and another year has just passed. We, as editors-in-chief, are extremely proud of how well received the journal has been in the structural glass community since its start in 2016, growing from a brief idea to become a major source of information about research in glass structures. This was honored last year by receiving an impact factor and a record number of over 175.000 downloads in that year alone!

As a scientific journal, it is of the highest importance to distribute and communicate high quality research in

the community. As a journal, we always stride to support the glass research community in the best way possible and would therefore encourage our readers to join in with new ideas or initiatives for how to improve the journal. This can be anything from suggestions to topical issues, guest editors, updating our aims and scope, new article types or perhaps just simple things we could do differently to improve the experience.

Recently we have expanded our Editorial Board with eight new members and would like to welcome:

- Bert Van Lancker, Vitroplena, Belgium, and Ghent University, Belgium
- Faidra Oikonomopoulou, TU Delft, The Netherlands
- Gabriele Pisano, CNR I ITC, Italy
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- Miriam Schuster, TU Darmstadt, Germany

Who have all contributed significantly to the journal over the past years. Our Editorial Board now consists of 33 world-class researchers in the field, representing 19 different countries worldwide. With such a strong group, we certainly expect the journal to accelerate even further in the years to come.

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In the current issue of Glass Structures & Engineering, we present three papers on different aspects of laminated glass, a single paper on the strength of toughened glass in the vicinity of holes near an edge and one paper on the effect of load level on fracture of L-shaped glass.

We would very much like to thank our readers, authors, reviewers, publisher and of course our editorial board for contributing to the success of 2023, let's aim even higher in 2024.

We hope you enjoy reading this issue of Glass Structures & Engineering as much as we did.

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