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Dear Members of ISHMII:

I wanted to take this opportunity to wish all of you a happy and healthy New Year. I waited in order to finalize the negotiations with Springer-Verlag publishing house in Germany prior to sending you my well wishes for the start of the New Year.

If you remember from my previous message to you, we had set some milestones of paramount importance for moving the society to the forefront of the infrastructure engineering of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Publication of an official scientific journal of ISHMII was one of the three goals we set for ourselves. During the July 2009 meeting of the Council in Zurich, the decision was made to move ahead with the journal, and a committee of five that included Professors: Mufti, Oshima, Brunner, Newhook, and Dr. Inaudi assisted me in finalizing the journal publication decisions. Following the go ahead by the committee, I began negotiations with Springer, which involved financial considerations and its impact on the members and the society, frequency of publications, electronic and print issues, and member subscriptions and rates. While details are forthcoming, I am pleased to let you know that the title of ISHMII's official journal which will be reflecting the primary objective of the society will be the: **Journal of Civil Structural Health Monitoring (JCSHM)**

I have asked Professor Aftab Mufti to serve as the Editor-in-Chief, and he graciously agreed. The composition of the International editorial board will be announced shortly. The inaugural issue of the journal is tentatively scheduled for a January 2011 publication date (Volume 1, No.1). The journal will begin with four issues in its first year, and the numbers will grow in tandem with ISHMII's activities. I am very pleased in our collaboration with Springer, a first rate publisher of fine journals, technical volumes, and world renowned professionals to promote our cause. Moreover, Springer's electronic online information portal currently known as SpringerLink will serve as an excellence forum for dissemination of ISHMII's activities. I will provide you with further details as they become available. The information will be also posted on our website.

Best regards,

Farhad Ansari  
President, ISHMII