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Simonovic to serve as the Associate Editor of the Journal of Flood Risk Management

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Slobodan P. Simonovic, Civil and Environmental Engineering professor at The University of Western Ontario and Director of Engineering Studies with the Institute for Catastrophic Loss Reduction, has been honored with a nomination to serve as the Associate Editor of the Journal of Flood Risk Management.

The journal and nomination is quite timely with the recent cyclone flooding of Australia that reported more than 20 deaths and affected an estimated 3.1 million people due to severe property damage.

With the rise of global disasters related to flood risk, Simonovic says, "those who practice in this field are in increasing demand and carry heavy workloads. They have little time to review journals or attend conferences, yet they need to keep up to date." Thus, the journal's existence ensures that academics doing research in this field have an ever-growing array of publications they may need to review.

Simonovic has contributed to the publication in the past, as a guest associate editor in 2009, with two special issues on Managing flood risk, reliability and vulnerability.

After publishing a few papers in the journal, the symbol of excellence through his research made its own statement. He was nominated by the journal to serve as the Associate Editor for a four-year term. He will be responsible for North America, covering geographical issues that were missing good representation and perspective.

In accepting the nomination, Simonovic stated, "As the recent situation in Australia and Brazil demonstrate, effective flood risk management is growing in importance globally. Academics need a top quality source that they can turn to for up to date information and leading edge knowledge. I trust the Journal of Flood Risk Management to be that source."

The Journal of Flood Risk Management was launched in 2008 as a partnership with the Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management (CIWEM) and with the support of Arup, MWH and Royal Haskoning.

The journal provides an international platform for knowledge sharing in all areas related to flood risk. Its explicit aim is to disseminate ideas across the range of disciplines where flood related research is conducted and it provides content ranging from leading edge academic papers to applied content with the practitioner in mind.

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