

The call for papers for the XXIX OSTIV Congress is at the beginning of this issue. The Congress will be held 6 to 13 August 2008 at the site of the 30th World Gliding Championships in the Open-, 18m- and 15m Class in Lüsse-Berlin, Germany. Please plan on submitting your studies to the Congress so we can all learn from each other!

This issue continues the publication of papers presented at the XXVIII Congress of OSTIV held at the site of the 29th World Gliding Championships in Eskilstuna, Sweden, 8 to 15 June 2006. All the papers in this issue were presented at that Congress.

The following Guest Associate Editors supervised the reviews of the manuscripts in this issue. Ing. F. Pieter van der Meer of *The Netherlands* handled the Browning and Hills manuscripts, Prof. Dr. Mirosław Rodzewicz of *Poland* handled the Gedon manuscript and Dr. Judah Milgram of the *USA* handled the Matejka/Popelka manuscript. Linda and Jeffrey Hostetler, an OSTIV member who wished to remain anonymous and Dave Kinsell, all of the *USA*, proofread the manuscripts for this issue.

I am grateful for the team of unselfish volunteers that made this issue possible in a timely manner: associate editors, peer-reviewers and proof readers. Thank you!

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Finally, my first mentor and soaring pioneer Dr. Paul B. MacCready died in his sleep in Pasadena California USA on 28 August 2007 at age 81. Paul encouraged me to use my meteorological education and training for the soaring community. Therefore, I'd like to think my editorship of *Technical Soaring* is a legacy to Paul.

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