

We are pleased to announce an important update to the Engineering Index Monthly and Engineering Index Annual publications (also known as the Ei Monthly and Ei Annual, respectively). Starting with the 2008 Ei Annual (scheduled for publication in March 2009), and the 2009 edition of the Ei Monthly, these publications will be produced exclusively in electronic format on DVD, replacing the printed editions. Ei Monthly subscribers will now receive one DVD each month, comprising indexed records added to Engineering Index over a four-week period in a given calendar year. Ei Annual subscribers will receive one DVD cumulating all indexed records published in Ei Monthly over a period of 12 months.

The new DVD format maintains the archival integrity of Engineering Index data, and offers notable advantages over the printed format. Besides its positive paper- and energy-saving impact on the environment, the compact DVD format will spare another limited resource: library shelf space. The electronic format also offers improved legibility, as it eliminates the constraints of fitting an ever-increasing amount of information into a fixed set of print volumes. Additionally, users will benefit from having a much easier navigation experience, which includes search capability, hyperlinking between sections, and zoom-in functionality. And, converting these publications to electronic format allows us to avoid passing on significant subscription price increases due to escalating paper, printing, binding, and shipping costs.

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Thank you,

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