

Introducing the JFM ‘Outstanding reviewers’ initiative

We are delighted to announce the launch of the JFM ‘Outstanding Reviewers’ initiative. High-quality reviews are a defining feature of JFM, and this initiative is designed to recognise the significant commitment to reviewing by our expert reviewers across the international fluid mechanics community. Their dedicated efforts in providing constructive reviews greatly enhances the quality of all our JFM publications and contributes meaningfully to the advancement of science.

JFM publishes a wide range of content, covering theoretical, computational and experimental investigations in all aspects of the mechanics of fluids. Our publications include ‘Standard’ articles, ‘Perspectives’ written by invited leading researchers which critically survey the state of a particular fluid mechanics topic, ‘Rapids’ – short, yet still self-contained and complete, papers presenting exciting and impactful results – and ‘Focus on Fluids’, which showcase particularly interesting recent articles published in JFM. Complementing these are the JFM Notebooks, which allow researchers to present not only static, two-dimensional snapshots of their research in article figures, but also publish their underlying data and code. This enables JFM readers to interrogate and probe the data further, sparking new ideas and insights.

At the heart of maintaining our high standards across the key underpinning original ‘Standard’ and ‘Rapids’ contributions are our reviewers, whose rigorous and in-depth reports contribute to ensuring scientific excellence and clarity of presentation. Their ongoing engagement throughout the review process is critical to the success of all our publications.

To recognise these contributions by our reviewers, JFM will annually recognise ‘Outstanding Reviewers.’ These individuals will be selected based on the timeliness and quality of their reviews, input from the Editorial Board, and a final committee selection. This year the committee was chaired by one of us (Sarah Waters) and also included three other associate editors: Ivan Marusic; Jacques Magnaudet; and Roberto Verzicco. The names of these ‘Outstanding Reviewers’ have been published on the JFM website (www.cambridge.org/jfm/prize/reviewers), and to thank the reviewers for their contributions each reviewer will receive a CUP Book Voucher.

In this inaugural year of the initiative, we are delighted to celebrate our first 50 ‘Outstanding Reviewers’ listed below. The list highlights and showcases the diversity of our fluid mechanics community. In future years, JFM will annually recognise the top 1 % of reviewers. Congratulations to everyone recognised this year, and our sincere thank you to all our reviewers for their invaluable contributions.

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