

Dear Combustion Institute member,

Hideaki and I, in consultation with both Brian Haynes and Charlie Westbrook, have decided to extend the submission date of the Symposium papers to January 3, 2008. This was a difficult decision but one that we believe will help increase the number and quality of the submitted papers.

There were several reasons for this decision, not the least of which was the fact that there seems to be quite a bit of uncertainty about Symposium submissions due to the ISI issue. In addition, as you are aware, the submission site opened later than we had expected. This delay occurred because of the transfer to the Elsevier system that needed quite a bit of adaptation to make it amenable to our purposes. Sue Terpack and her staff have been working diligently to incorporate the various changes that still need to be made.

The positive side of all this is that handling the papers through Elsevier will eliminate approximately four weeks from the production schedule. Unfortunately, we cannot simply add four weeks on to the initial review process as this will compress the rebuttal and subsequent review to the point where we will not be able to put together the program as planned in late March. In addition, the announcement of which papers are selected for presentation cannot be put back any further - an April announcement for an international meeting in early August can create difficulties for obtaining visas and travel approvals. As a result, the delay will help primarily authors such as yourselves to complete papers that will not be finished by December 12<sup>th</sup>. The selection of reviewers and the reviewing process itself will have to be completed by the beginning of February – only a week later than originally planned. Nevertheless, papers will still be assigned to reviewers as soon as there is a submission to a given Colloquium.

The 32<sup>nd</sup> Symposium is clearly operating under a different environment compared to previous meetings. However, these are times of great importance for the Institute and the Symposium and we hope that you will be willing to work under the revised schedule to help make the 32<sup>nd</sup> Symposium a meeting in the best tradition of its predecessors.

Sincerely,

Mitch and Hideaki