I am very often asked about the circulation and the readership of *Optical Engineering*. Sometimes these are just interested inquiries from colleagues who are authors, reviewers, readers, or members—or, in fact, all possible combinations of the above. On other occasions the inquiry is more formal and comes from advertisers or from those who collect comparative statistics for a variety of journals and then share those statistics with potential advertisers.

Those of us who work on the journal thought that the readership would be interested in this information and I can also point to this editorial next time I am asked.

We can define circulation by a number of broad categories but first the grand total based on the July 1991 issue of *Optical Engineering* was 12,836. This number represents the paid subscriptions to the journal. Regular members received 10,806 of that total, and sustaining members 948. There were 1049 copies that went to subscribers and the final 33 copies were distributed as complimentary copies to various places such as the Library of Congress and the many companies that index *Optical Engineering*. You might also be interested to know that nearly 3000 copies were mailed overseas. In addition to these 12,836 “paid subscriptions,” a small number of additional copies are given out on a one-time basis to authors, guest editors, etc.

The Society is often asked to provide so-called “territorial distribution” statistics based in the United States on the census regions. The information for the May issue of this year is given below:

- New England 1,196
- Middle Atlantic 1,498
- East North Central 908
- West North Central 317
- South Atlantic 1,282
- East South Central 316
- West South Central 488
- Mountain 816
- Pacific 3,033
- Canada 342
- Foreign 2,924
- Other 5

So much for circulation. What about readership? I could not even hazard a guess except that I hope that the readership is much greater than the circulation. Multiple readers of library copies as well as individual copies should outnumber those copies not read by the recipient! I end by wishing all of you who have read this editorial “Happy reading of *Optical Engineering*!”

Brian J. Thompson
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#### November 1991

**Infrared Imaging Systems**

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**January 1992**

**Smart Materials and Structures**

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**March 1992**

**Optics in Poland**

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**April 1992**

**Optical Methods and Means of Information Processing**

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**May 1992**

**Optical Implementation of Information Processing, Pattern Recognition, and Neural Networks**

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#### June 1992

**Adaptive Signal Processing**

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This special issue will cover the following areas: historical perspective of adaptive signal processing, fast algorithms for adaptive filtering, blind deconvolution, chaotic models, wavelet transforms, and neural networks. The emphasis will be on theory and applications.

**July 1992**

**Biomedical Optics**

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**August 1992**

**Optical Engineering and U.K. Industry**

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This special issue will represent a typical cross section of current applied research taking place in the United Kingdom in the field of optics. The editors regard this as an excellent opportunity to promote the best in U.K. optics research worldwide.

**October 1992**

**Acousto-Optics**

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This special issue will focus on all aspects of research on acousto-optic effects and devices as well as their signal and image processing applications. Manuscripts should be sent to Ting-Chung Poon before February 1, 1992.

**December 1992**

**Automatic Target Recognition**

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The areas to be considered for inclusion are sonar, radar, laser and passive IR, visible ATR techniques, modeling of sensors, target segmentation, detection, and tracking, model-based target recognition, multisensor processing and sensor fusion for ATR, role of performance evaluation in ATR, invariant object recognition, neural networks for ATR, adaptive and learning systems for ATR, and optical processing for ATR.

#### January 1993

**Optical Research in Asia**

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This special issue will present innovative research and development results from Asian countries. Every field of photonics will be considered. Prospective authors are invited to submit manuscripts for consideration. Manuscripts should be received by Chung J. Kuo, Toshimitsu Asakura, or Yong H. Lee before February 1, 1992.

**May 1993**

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