

EDITORIAL

Advancing Marine Environmental Engineering: *JMEE*'s Progress, Achievements, and Future Endeavors

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The year 2024 has been an extraordinary one for the *Journal of Marine Environmental Engineering (JMEE)*. The number and quality of submissions have increased significantly, and the *JMEE* editorial team is committed to accelerating the peer review process to ensure the rapid publication of high-quality papers.

According to the SCImago Journal Rank (SJR) based on Scopus data, *JMEE* has achieved remarkable progress. The journal is now ranked in Q1 across four categories: Ocean

Engineering, Environmental Engineering, Pollution, and Waste Management and Disposal. Notably, among the 110 journals in the Ocean Engineering category, *JMEE* ranks 4th. This is a remarkable leap from 2023 when *JMEE* was classified as a Q4 journal, reflecting its rapid growth and increasing academic influence.

Following the selection rules of the Marine Environmental Engineering Awards, only the Rising Star Award was granted in 2024. We are pleased to announce that the 2024 Rising Star



FIGURE 1
The 6th International Symposium on Offshore Geotechnics.

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FIGURE 2
CHINA ROCK 2024 Qingdao Central Venue.



FIGURE 3
The Workshop on High-Resolution Seafloor Detection Technology and Methods for Shipborne and Submersible Equipment.

Award in Marine Environmental Engineering has been awarded to Dr. Shengjie Rui from the Norwegian Geotechnical Institute. Dr. Rui was recognized “for his contributions to understanding mooring system-seabed interactions in

floating wind turbines, particularly regarding the mooring line-seabed interaction and the analyses of seabed trenching processes.” The 2024 Rising Star Award is jointly presented by JMEE, the Marine Engineering Geology Commission

of IAEG (IAEG-C34), the Task Group on Submarine Geohazards of IUGS (IUGS-TGSG), and the Committee on Marine Geo-disaster and Geoenvironment of ICGdR (ICGdR-TC4). We sincerely hope that more academic organizations will join us in promoting and collaborating on the Marine Environmental Engineering Awards, and we encourage further nominations for future awards.

In 2024, *JMEE* co-organized three academic conferences:

1. The 6th International Symposium on Offshore Geotechnics, hosted by Tianjin University (Figure 1);
2. CHINA ROCK 2024 Qingdao Central Venue, hosted by Ocean University of China (Figure 2);
3. The Workshop on High-Resolution Seafloor Detection Technology and Methods

for Shipborne and Submersible Equipment, hosted by the Institute of Oceanology, Chinese Academy of Sciences (Figure 3).

Through these conferences, more scholars have become familiar with *JMEE*. We aspire to participate in and support more academic events, providing a platform for researchers to exchange knowledge and advance the field of marine environmental engineering.

This issue features selected papers from the 27th Annual Meeting of the China Association for Science and Technology (CAST). We hope these papers will be of great benefit to our readers.

Finally, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to our authors, reviewers, editorial board members, and Old City Publishing for their collective efforts in making *JMEE* a leading journal in marine environmental engineering.