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## ***Water Environment Research Appoints New Editor-in-Chief*** *Esteemed professor, researcher takes helm of publication*

ALEXANDRIA, Va. – The Water Environment Federation is pleased to announce Dr. Zhen (Jason) He as the new editor-in-chief of *Water Environment Research (WER)*.

Dr. He is a professor of civil and environmental engineering at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and directs the university's Environmental Biotechnology and Bioenergy Laboratory. Dr. He has published more than 180 journal papers and has received three granted US patents.

As editor-in-chief of *WER*, Dr. He will oversee the peer review process to ensure that high-quality research is published in the journal and solicit papers from preeminent researchers. Dr. He will also oversee *WER*'s associate editors. Dr. He's appointment comes weeks after WEF selected John Wiley and Sons Inc. as its publishing partner for *WER*.

"I am honored to be the new editor-in-chief of *Water Environment Research* and also excited to lead one of the oldest water journals to the next stage," Dr. He said. "Our new editorial team aims to ensure high quality in *WER*'s content and fast processing of submissions. The partnership between WEF and Wiley will greatly benefit the transition of *WER* to be a leading journal in water and wastewater research."

"Dr. He's accomplishments at Virginia Tech and reputation as a researcher in our sector position him perfectly to lead *Water Environment Research*," said Eileen O'Neill, WEF Executive Director. "We are excited to have Dr. He and a diverse team of associate editors at the helm of our flagship journal in this changing and dynamic landscape of scholarly water research."

In addition to Dr. He's appointment as editor-in-chief, the following researchers have been appointed as *WER* associate editors:

- Nicole Fahrenfeld, Rutgers University
- Xiaohong Guan, Tongji University;
- Veera Gnanaswar Gude, Mississippi State University
- Chih-Ming (Jimmy) Kao, National Sun Yat-Sen University
- Eakalak Khan, University of Nevada Las Vegas
- Juan Antonio Baeza Labat, Autonomous University of Barcelona
- Dongye (Don) Zhao, Auburn University

Published since 1928, *WER* is an international multidisciplinary water resource management journal for the dissemination of fundamental and applied research in all scientific and technical areas related to water quality and resource recovery. *WER*'s goal is to foster communication and interdisciplinary research between water sciences/engineering and related fields such as environmental toxicology, agriculture, public and occupational health, microbiology, and ecology. In addition to original research articles, short communications, case studies, reviews, and perspectives are encouraged.

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