Clifford Whitcomb Named New Editor-in-Chief of “Systems Engineering” Journal

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SAN DIEGO (July 12, 2018) – The International Council on Systems Engineering (INCOSE) and Wiley are pleased to announce the selection of Clifford A. Whitcomb, Ph.D., as the new editor-in-chief of the “Systems Engineering” Journal. A bimonthly publication of INCOSE and Wiley, “Systems Engineering” is the most focused, respected and forward-looking global archival publication for systems engineering and related fields.

Whitcomb succeeds Olivier L. de Weck, who served as editor-in-chief since January 2013. In this role, Whitcomb will be responsible for the technical content and strategic direction of “Systems Engineering,” oversight of the peer review process, management of the “Best Papers” awards, and enhancing the visibility and impact of the publication. He will also appoint and oversee three new associate editors and a new editorial board to serve the full scope of the journal.

“The ‘Systems Engineering’ journal has been in publication for 20 years, and has become an insightful resource for professionals across the globe,” said Whitcomb. “I look forward to collaborating with Wiley to increase the reach of the journal and further promote the research vision of the International Council on Systems Engineering.”

Whitcomb is a professor of systems engineering at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California. With more than 35 years’ experience in defense systems engineering and related fields, Whitcomb’s research interests include systems engineering competency modeling, design thinking and human-centered design, model-based systems engineering, defense systems of systems, naval construction and engineering, and leadership, communication, and interpersonal skills development for engineers.

He has authored or co-authored over 50 papers for journals and conferences, and has written or edited a number of published books, including “Effective Interpersonal and Team Communication Skills for Engineers” published by Wiley in 2013 and the “Modeling and Simulation-based Systems Engineering Handbook” published by CRC Press in 2014.

Previously, Whitcomb served as a principal investigator for research projects from the U.S. Navy Office of Naval Research, Office of the Joint Staff, Office of the Secretary of the Navy, and naval system commands and naval warfare centers. He is also a retired naval officer, having served 23 years as a submarine warfare officer and engineering duty officer.

Whitcomb earned his Bachelor of Science in nuclear engineering from the University of Washington, Seattle, his Master of Science degrees in naval engineering and electrical engineering and computer science from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), and his doctorate in mechanical engineering from the University of Maryland, College Park. He is a fellow of the International Council on Systems Engineering (INCOSE), has served on the INCOSE board of directors, a fellow of the Society of Naval
Architects and Marine Engineers (SNAME), and was a Lean Six Sigma Master Black Belt for Northrop Grumman Ship Systems.

For more information on the “Systems Engineering” journal, visit https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/15206858.

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