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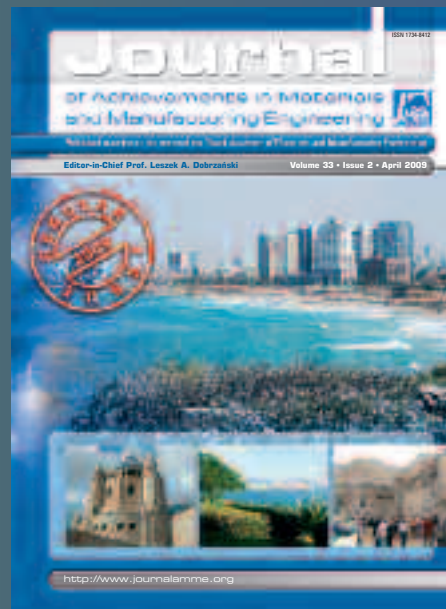
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Cover story



The pictures on the cover come from Israel. The big picture presents the view of Tel Aviv, which was founded in 1909 on the outskirts of the ancient port city of Jaffa. The name Tel Aviv literally means "Hill of Spring". Tel Aviv and Jaffa were merged into a single municipality in 1950, two years after the establishment of the State of Israel. Present Tel Aviv-Yafo usually Tel Aviv, is the second largest city in Israel situated on the Israeli Mediterranean coastline. Tel Aviv's White City, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2003, comprises the world's largest concentration of Modernist-style buildings. The first small picture on the cover presents the Basilica of Dormition of Blessed Virgin Mary. This church is situated next to the Cenacle believed to be the site of Jesus' Last Supper, which is located on Mount Zion in the same building that houses the Tomb of King David. In the next small picture on the cover the Sea of Galilee, which warm waters allow a variety of flora and fauna to thrive and have supported a significant commercial fishery for over two millennia is seen. Local fauna includes a fish population locally known as St. Peter's Fish. The third small picture presents the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem. Silver star marking the place where Jesus was born according to Christian tradition. Bethlehem is one of the most often visited place by pilgrims. It is a Palestinian city in the central West Bank, approximately 10 kilometres south of Jerusalem. Two accounts in the New Testament describe Jesus as born in Bethlehem.