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10.01.2009 | Faculty, Engineering Dilip Ballal, director of the von Ohain Fuels and Combustion Center at the University of Dayton, took office today as a senior vice president in the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

As senior vice president for the ASME Institutes Sector Board (ISB), Ballal will be responsible for growing the sector's energy and power areas per the recommendations of ASME's Grand Energy Challenge global initiative. He also will work with four other senior vice presidents to implement ASME's strategic priorities. He'll spend nine months as senior vice president-elect, after which

he'll serve a three-year term as senior vice president.

Ballal, the Hans von Ohain Distinguished Professor in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, is internationally renowned in jet propulsion engineering with 40 years of expertise in aero engine combustion, fuels, gas turbine propulsion systems and laser diagnostics. He also is head of the energy and environmental engineering division at the University of Dayton Research Institute, managing operations and personnel performing multimillion-dollar research programs in fuels science and engineering, combustion, modeling and simulation, environmental engineering, and energy conservation.

Ballal is an ASME Life Fellow and a 30-year member of the organization. He is currently editor-in-chief of ASME's Journal of Engineering for Gas Turbines and Power and recently completed a three-year term as a vice president of the International Gas Turbine Institute.

Headquartered in New York, ASME is the world's largest mechanical engineering society with a membership of 120,000 in 60 countries.