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The record number of papers presented at the Symposium (297) resulted in a record 97 expanded manuscripts submitted for possible publication in this Special Issue. The review coordination required for such a large number of papers represented an extraordinary effort, which was accomplished with the enthusiastic support of the IEEE members who served as reviewers. While a significant number of papers qualified for publication, a severe page limitation imposed on this issue, which saw the page budget reduced to 240 pages (down from 300 last year), restricted the number of papers that could be accepted. This fact, coupled with the record number of papers received, made the selection process difficult and as a result only about one third of the submitted papers were accepted. Consequently, many technically sound papers had to be excluded because they were only marginally expanded in substance from the Symposium Digest version. All prospective authors were advised of these "ground rules" (i.e., the need to expand substantially beyond the Digest transcript) at the time the invitation for the Transactions version of their paper was extended to them. The degree of compliance with the ground rules varied significantly, with a substantial number of papers being identical or nearly identical to the Digest version. These papers were denied publication for the reasons stated above. Following review, several papers were recommended for further expansion, clarification, or reduction in scope and subsequent resubmittal to the regular Editor for consideration for later publication, as neither time nor page allowance would permit publication in this issue.

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