

Editorial

MTT EDITORIAL POLICY STATEMENT

NEW financial and professional realities are facing the Group on Microwave Theory and Techniques, the IEEE, and the engineering community at large. Certain technical areas have grown from the experimental stage into widely accepted mature technologies. Others already have played their part in advancing the microwave art, and now may not be as important as they once were. Moreover, the easy honeymoon between high technology and society is past: the difficult, but hopefully workable, union remains.

As the incoming Editor of this TRANSACTIONS, I want to restate those elements of publication policy which will be continued and to advise both readers and potential authors of new editorial policy. Our purpose in publishing the IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON MICROWAVE THEORY AND TECHNIQUES is to provide a forum for advancing the microwave art, for educating microwave engineers in these advances, and for providing a permanent record to document them. If this TRANSACTIONS is to maintain its outstanding record as one of the world's leading engineering journals, it must now ask the help and support of its authors, their institutions, and the members of G-MTT. We are responding to drastic budget reductions by instituting the following editorial policies.

- 1) Manuscripts submitted as articles will be limited to twenty (20) double-spaced type-written 8-by-11 in pages of text and twenty (20) figures. Manuscripts exceeding this limit will be returned to the author without review.

- 2) Authors are encouraged to consider publishing their contributions as Short Papers. These items undergo review by three reviewers and are given the same consideration as longer contributions. The Short Papers section will replace the present Correspondence section.

- 3) Letters to the Editor, reply and rebuttals, etc., will be published under a new Letters section.

- 4) Authors are urged to clear manuscripts through their appropriate institutional channels before submission so that page charges will be honored if the contribution is accepted. This does not represent a departure from the voluntary page charge policy of the IEEE. The number of journal pages that can be published is directly related to the Group's income; authors and their institutions must accept their share of the responsibility for keeping G-MTT financially viable.

- 5) Papers reporting advances in the microwave art, new technologies, and new applications of microwaves will receive editorial preference. Papers will be judged on their timeliness, significance, and permanence.

- 6) This TRANSACTIONS will continue its policy of publishing Special Issues to highlight or advance the development of selected technical areas.

- 7) The Editor has been notified by the IEEE Headquarters that the cost of changes made on galley proofs that are at variance with the manuscript will be invoiced directly to the author.

I hope these measures will help improve the financial position of this TRANSACTIONS and that with your help we can maintain the excellence for which the MTT has come to stand.

—FRED J. ROSENBAUM, *Editor*