

## Editor's Preface

TOGETHER WITH the 28-year MTT Transactions Index published in June 1981, this index of MTT-Symposia papers completes, at least for the present time, the task of presenting a complete bibliography of papers to what is known today as the Microwave Theory and Techniques Society. These indices are presented as a service to the members of MTT-S and will be updated and possibly combined in future years, allowing microwave practitioners easy access to their technical roots.

From the 1956 Symposium on Microwave Circuitry where 29 papers were presented (and later published in the first volume of the PGMTT Transactions), to the 1983 IEEE/MTT-S International Microwave Symposium where 217 papers were given, this gathering has served as a yearly focal point for the microwave community. These meetings were organized in the spirit of technical interchange, and although over the years many particularly comfortable social amenities have been added, the Symposia remain dedicated in the first place to the exposition of innovation or improvements in microwave theory and techniques. To

date, over 2500 papers have been presented in these Symposia, and appear in the Digests or in earlier years, as part of the MTT Transactions. Together with the Transactions papers, these Symposia papers form an invaluable technical reference to the designer or theoretician venturing into a new speciality.

The history of the MTT Symposia is rich in data and anecdote. We are particularly fortunate to have in our society the likes of Theodore Saad, whose dedication and service to the MTT has spanned his entire career, and whose latest contribution is the historical highlights of the MTT Symposia, below. The text and data is of interest to all and should be required reading for future Steering and Technical Program Committee Members.

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