

Editorial

On the Occasion of Initiation of a New Publication for the Microwave Community

THIS is the inaugural issue of the brand new IEEE MICROWAVE AND GUIDED WAVE LETTERS, which is a response of the IEEE Microwave Theory and Techniques Society to the changing needs of the members and other microwave engineers who require an enhanced and quick means of communication. The MTT-S ADCOM has always been sensitive to improving the service to its members with high quality products. It has been debating a need for a quick turn around publication such as those issued by a number of our sister societies and other organizations. This publication has come to reality by the enthusiastic initiative of the Publications Committee of the MTT-S, particularly its Chairman, Dr. Martin V. Schneider. Throughout the planning stage, MTT-S ADCOM has strongly endorsed this effort. The IEEE level of support was also very enthusiastic.

The IEEE MICROWAVE AND GUIDED WAVE LETTERS will provide the opportunity to publish short, archival contributions appearing with minimal delay. It seeks contributions related to advances or state-of-the-art capabilities in theory, design, fabrication, performance and reliability of all areas related to microwaves and guided waves including:

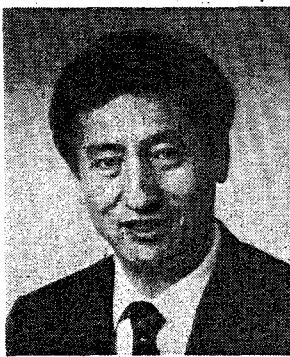
- solid state devices and circuits, ferrites, superconductor applications, acoustics, high power, biological effects and medical applications, low noise, packaging, industrial and consumer applications;
- guided wave structures, network theory, computer aided design, microwave field theory;
- light wave technology, microwave systems, digital signal processing microwave measurements, manufacturing technology;
- millimeter-wave and submillimeter-wave techniques.

It is intended to publish an article within three months of receipt provided that the authors respond immediately to all communication. Use of the FAX machine and other electronic means of communication is encouraged.

In addition to the letters, this publication contains the Patent Abstract and the Asian Abstract, which have to date been printed in the IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON MICROWAVE THEORY AND TECHNIQUES. The MTT ADCOM decided that during the first year (1991) this journal should be given to MTT-S members free of charge and that starting in 1992 this journal will be the core publication of the MTT-S so that the TRANSACTIONS will be an extra cost item to the members.

In addition to ADCOM and Dr. Schneider, I am indebted to a number of individuals and organizations during the planning stage. It is not possible to mention all of them, so only a handful will be mentioned. A number of MTT-S members have agreed to be on the Editorial Board and others have agreed to act as reviewers under very tight schedules. The Editor is particularly indebted to the Editors of IEEE PHOTONICS TECHNOLOGY LETTERS, Paul Shumate, and Simon Sze of IEEE ELECTRON DEVICES LETTERS, for providing valuable information and know-how for the start-up of the journal. The cooperation of the IEEE Publishing Department is very noteworthy.

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