

Editorial

ON March 1, 1995 my three-year term as Editor of the IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON MICROWAVE THEORY AND TECHNIQUES will come to an end.

My successor will be Prof. Robert Trew of Case Western Reserve University. Prof. Trew is well known in the MTT Community and is eminently qualified for the job of Editor. I wish him success in the years ahead. The past three years have been very fruitful and challenging for me. I have received more than 1300 new manuscripts and published more than 810 papers, not counting the 10 Special Issues that appeared during this interval and were the responsibility of the Guest Editors. The greatest change that occurred during my tenure was the switch to Electronic Publishing by the IEEE, followed shortly thereafter by the move of the Transactions/Journals Department from New York to Piscataway. It took nearly a year and a lot of hard work by the IEEE Editors to get back on schedule after incurring a six-month delay on the first "electronic" issue. The downsizing of the defense budget and consequently of most microwave organizations also affected our operations. Many reviewers either did not have the time to review papers or had to delay their responses. In contrast, the backlog of papers increased drastically and the time to publication increased as a consequence. The Society was able to augment the number of pages printed from 2400 in 1993 to 2800 in 1994

and 3500 in 1995. With the cooperation of the Reviewers, who were asked to be more critical, and of the Authors by reducing the length of their papers, this problem seems to be under control and by the end of 1995 the backlog will be back to a normal level. In an effort to bring more "Applications" papers to the readership, an Associate Editor for Tutorial/Review Papers was appointed in 1994 and the first contributed paper was published in December 1994, with several more to follow.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the dedicated Reviewers for their help. Without their efforts, the TRANSACTIONS would not be the premier microwave publication that it is . . . and the life of the Editor would be a lot harder.

I want to thank also the IEEE Editors who have helped me along, especially Mr. Joseph Pagnotta, who took the brunt of the transition to electronic publishing, and Mssr. Keith Grober and Robert Davidson. Along the way, I am sure that I made unpopular decisions. I did it with the best of intentions and if mistakes were made, they are mine alone.

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