



Message from the Technical Program Chairman

On behalf of the Technical Program Committee, I would like to welcome you to the 1996 IEEE Microwave & Millimeter-wave Monolithic Circuits Symposium (MMWMC). My sincere gratitude goes to the many authors who submitted outstanding papers to the symposium. Due to the limit number of sessions, we were not able to accommodate many good papers. However, I would like to encourage you to continue to submit papers to this symposium in the future. As you know, the success of the symposium is determined by the quality of the papers.

We have been observing continuous advancement in the monolithic technology during the past year. The papers presented here reflect a broad range of improvement: from device technology to design methodology; from new application to new manufacturing approaches. To provide an overview in the development trend, we invited five experts in the industry to discuss several key areas of the MMIC technology and its applications. The discussion covers the strategic focus in the DoD, the commercial applications in wireless networks and satellite mobile communications and the low-cost and high volume production technology. It will also review the recent breakthrough in the power HBT MMICs. I hope this series of invited papers can provide you with a clear picture of how the future MMIC technology is shaping up.

We selected over 40 contributed papers out of 70 some papers received by MMWMC and IMS. These papers were grouped into various focus sessions on Monday and Tuesday. I hope this will help you to obtain the information that you are interested in. On Wednesday, we will also provide a joint Open Forum with IMS. You will have the opportunity to interface with the authors and get more detailed information through discussion.

We have a very good technical program for you this year, thanks to the hard work of all the authors and the Technical Program Committee members. I hope you will enjoy the program as much as I do. I look forward to seeing you in San Fr~nr:i~:n

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