

## Guest Editors' Overview

**T**HE excellent technical program of 413 papers presented at the 1997 International Microwave Symposium (IMS), as described in this issue by K. C. Gupta, resulted in a record number of 147 papers being submitted for the Special Symposium Issue of the IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON MICROWAVE THEORY AND TECHNIQUES. In addition to the papers from IMS, seven RFIC papers, and five ARFTG papers (an innovation this year) were submitted. Instructions from the Transactions Editor were to select a total of 45–50 papers. The excellent quality of most of the submitted papers has made selection of the papers to be published in this Special Issue very difficult. The final selection was a total of 49 papers, consisting of 44 IMS papers, four RFIC papers, and one ARFTG paper, for an overall acceptance rate of 32%.

This Special Issue illustrates the continuing resurgence of the microwave industry that was observed in 1996. While outstanding papers were written in other areas, the increasing commercial applications trend continues, principally in the “wireless” area. The papers selected represent a healthy balance between theory, technology, and applications, and also a balance between papers from the U.S. and other countries.

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The selection process depends, of course, on the service of many reviewers. We wish to thank all the reviewers for their assistance on a very tight time schedule, especially those who responded to a last-minute plea for assistance.

The IMS Guest Editor would like to thank Dr. Claude Weil, General Chairman of the 1997 IMS, for the opportunity to be involved, and also to express his appreciation to Dr. Kuldeep C. Gupta and Helen Frey for their assistance. This issue would not have been possible without Helen.

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He was a Faculty Member of MIT until 1957, and while there his research interests were time-varying and nonlinear systems. From 1957 to 1988, he was with TRW, where he participated in projects for missile guidance, space communication, telephone switching, and microelectronic and microwave/millimeter technology. He served as Chief Scientist of the Electronic Systems Group. Upon retirement from TRW, he taught for two years at the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA), and directed the Center for High Frequency Electronics. In 1990, he moved to the University of Colorado at Boulder, where he served as the Director of the Center for Microwave/Millimeter-Wave Computer-Aided Design and taught electromagnetic courses. He is currently retired and resides in Boulder, CO. He has authored

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He has been involved in the design and development of RF and Microwave IC's for the last 14 years. In 1996, he joined Nokia Mobile Phones, San Diego, CA, where he is currently a Manager of RF technology, leading the effort of 3-V RF engine development. Prior to joining Nokia, he worked at Westinghouse, Pacific Monolithics, and Avantek(HP) in various technical and management roles. His RF/microwave IC design and product development background using MESFET, PHEMT, and HBT technologies include gain blocks, LNA's, power amplifiers, phase shifters, switches, attenuators, frequency converters (up/down/image-reject), oscillators, multifunction transceivers, and MMIC-based sub-systems covering a wide frequency range from 500 MHz to 40 GHz. He has also served as Principal Investigator and Program Manager on several R&D projects. From 1986 to 1991, he introduced and taught the first graduate course

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Dr. Marks founded and chairs the IEEE Working Group on Network Parameters, and chairs the MTT-S Standards Coordinating Committee. He was vice-chair of the 1997 IEEE MTT-S International Microwave Symposium. Since 1994, he has served as technical chair on the Executive Committee of the Automatic RF Techniques Group (ARFTG), and chaired the 49th ARFTG Conference. He founded the IEEE Wireless Communications Conference and chaired

it from 1996 to 1998. He has served on numerous program committees and in professional societies. In 1996, he was chosen to attend the highly selective Frontiers of Engineering program of the National Academy of Engineering. He was the recipient of the 1988 Harding Bliss Prize for Excellence in Engineering and Applied Science, the 1994 ARFTG Automated Measurements Technology Award, the 1995 IEEE Morris E. Leeds Award, as well as the U.S. Department of Commerce Silver and Bronze Medals and several best paper awards.

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