

# New Editor-in-Chief

IT IS MY pleasure to introduce Prof. David Rutledge, Department of Electrical Engineering, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, as the new Editor-in-Chief of this TRANSACTIONS. Prof. Rutledge is well known to the microwave community and he comes to this position with outstanding credentials as an educator, researcher, and through his collaboration with industry. He is highly active at several levels within the IEEE Microwave Theory and Techniques Society (IEEE MTT-S), including serving as Guest Editor of several special issues of this TRANSACTIONS. I am sure that he will do a superb job as Editor-in-Chief and I ask that he be given the same support that was provided to me.

I leave the Editor-in-Chief position with the knowledge that this TRANSACTIONS is the premier and most prestigious technical journal in the microwave area and the primary forum for authors worldwide. During my tenure as Editor-in-Chief, I gained an appreciation of the amount of work required by a large number of highly skilled and devoted people to publish a high-quality technical journal. In particular, I want to thank the large number of reviewers who spend a significant amount of time to ensure the high technical quality of this TRANSACTIONS. The high standards of this TRANSACTIONS are critically dependent upon the review process and the efforts of the reviewers are greatly appreciated. It is the peer review process that makes this TRANSACTIONS truly great and also make this TRANSACTIONS possible. From the technical perspective, I thank the authors who have submitted their manuscripts for publication. Ultimately, it is the authors who define the quality of this TRANSACTIONS.

The strong support provided by the IEEE MTT-S Administrative Committee (AdCom) is greatly appreciated. The AdCom is devoted to providing the members of the IEEE MTT-S with the highest quality publications possible, and to this end, provide the editorial staff with unwavering support and

encouragement. I want to thank the staff at the IEEE Operations Center Headquarters, in particular, Chris Rezes, for her support and assistance. She has been extremely helpful and had greatly contributed to making my experience as Editor-in-Chief very enjoyable. Thanks to her professionalism and untiring efforts, every issue during my tenure was published on schedule and on budget. I would like to thank those who served as Associate Editors during my tenure in office, Prof. Linda Katehi, Prof. Jens Bornemann, Prof. Wolfgang Hoefer, and Prof. Robert York. Finally, I would like to thank Glorias Lee, who assisted me at North Carolina State University and who made sure the editorial process continued in a seamless manner. Glorias was especially helpful during my transition to a new position at the National Science Foundation. Without her help, I could not have completed my tenure as Editor-in-Chief.

My goal during my tenure was to sustain and improve the high quality of this TRANSACTIONS. In the area of improvement, two major actions were taken during my tenure. The concept of the Mini-Special Issue was introduced. The goal of the Mini-Special Issue has been to focus this TRANSACTIONS on highly dynamic, and often controversial, areas of activity occurring within the microwave community. During the past three years, this has been accomplished, and these Mini-Special Issues have provided a new forum and a stimulus to our community. They have provided, in particular, a valuable forum to present papers from international conferences and workshops.

Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to serve as your Editor-in Chief.

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