

Guest Editors' Overview

THIS Mini-Special Issue of this TRANSACTIONS comprises selected extended papers that were presented in more reduced forms at the 1999 Brazilian Microwave and Optoelectronics Society (SBMO)/IEEE Microwave Theory and Techniques Society (IEEE MTT-S), IEEE Antennas and Propagation Society (IEEE AP-S), and IEEE Lasers and Electro-Optics Society (IEEE LEOS) International Microwave and Optoelectronics Conference—IMOC'99, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 9–12 August 1999, under the “Wireless and Photonics Building the Global Infoways” theme.

The IMOC'99 was organized by the SBMO, co-sponsored by the IEEE MTT-S, and technically co-sponsored by the IEEE AP-S and IEEE LEOS. This biannual conference provides a major international forum for the exchange of information on research and recent developments in the fields of RF, microwaves, millimetric waves, antennas, radio propagation, optics, and opto-electronics.

The conference Technical Committee preselected 40 out of 150 conference papers. Next, the preselected papers were grouped in three areas: microwaves, opto-electronics, and antennas and propagation, and an associate editor per area was nominated in order to handle the whole reviewing process more effectively. The regular IEEE procedure for reviewing papers was then followed. No less than three qualified referees carefully examined each preselected paper. As a result, 18 papers were selected, covering a wide range of subjects, including microwave circuits and devices, printed antennas, opto-electronic systems and devices, computational wave electromagnetics, wireless communications, and radio propagation.

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