Editorial

I AM PLEASED to be able to tell you that on July 1, 2003, there will be a new Editor-in-Chief of this TRANSACTIONS, Professor Michael Steer, of North Carolina State University, Raleigh. In addition, there are new Associate Editors, Professor Bumman Kim, of Pohang University of Science and Technology, Pohang, Korea, Professor Wolfgang Menzel, of the University of Ulm, Ulm, Germany, and Professor Antti Raisanen, of Helsinki University of Technology, Helsinki, Finland.

The outgoing Associate Editors Jens Bornemann and Gabriel Rebeiz have done a superb job for the IEEE Microwave Theory and Techniques Society (IEEE MTT-S). Special thanks are due to George Heiter and Kathee Runo for their work on this TRANSACTIONS' large Special Symposium Issues. Staff Senior Editor Christina M. Rezes, of the IEEE, editorial assistants Astrid Wright, of the University of Victoria, Victoria, BC, Canada, and Carol Sosnowski, Heather Hein, and Dale Yee, all of the California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, have also given terrific support.

I particularly appreciate the many volunteer reviewers for their thoughtful work; 800 different people do reviews in a year. The average reviewer takes 29 days to complete a review, and a typical paper receives four reviews.

The acceptance rate for manuscripts has been 42%. The average publishing delay from submission to publication for papers in this issue is ten months.

The IEEE MTT-S Publications Committee Chair Karl Varian, IEEE MTT-S Treasurer Steve Kenney, and successive IEEE MTT-S Presidents Charles Jackson, John Barr, and Fred Schindler have been extremely supportive and have provided excellent advice.

I would especially like to thank this TRANSACTIONS' former Editors-in-Chief Jim Mink and Bob Trew, who encouraged me to undertake this job. This is the best job in the IEEE MTT-S.

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