

# Editorial

## Message From the Editor-in-Chief

**G**REETINGS! It has been my great pleasure working with the Vehicular Technology System community to present you the very first issue of IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON VEHICULAR TECHNOLOGY (TVT) in the new year 2014 with high-quality content. Since I took over as the Editor-in-Chief in April 2013, we have successfully made the smooth transition without too much disruption of the review flow, thanks to a few individuals who have helped me during this process. Our former Editor-in-Chief, Dr. Weihua Zhuang, has provided me the help whenever I needed. Our former administrator, Mr. Hao Liang, continued with his duties until the end of June 2013 so that I could familiarize myself with the editorial procedure, while Mr. Muhammad Ismail provided his support with statistics collection from Manuscript Central (MC) to help improve the quality of our reviews. Our IEEE representative to ScholarOne, Ms. Sonal Parikh, is always available whenever we have any problems with MC and has always delivered the right answer in a timely way. Our Journal Co-ordinator, Mr. Christopher Perry, has always kept the publication scheduling in order, making sure we deliver high-quality content to our readers in a timely fashion. The smooth transition would not have been possible without the tireless help from Mr. Linke Guo, our current system administrator, in every aspect of manuscript handling in MC. My sincere thanks to them all in making TVT a high-quality journal!

I am happy to report that our journal is experiencing steady and healthy growth. This past year, our VTS leadership approved of our request for an additional 500 pages to speed up the publication of accepted papers in the backlog, which is a great thing. Even with the transition year due to the change of Editor-in-Chief and administrative staff, our review statistics have barely been impacted. Our first-round editorial decision time in 2013 is 2.31 months with standard deviation 1.29, compared with 2.29 months with standard deviation 1.27 in 2012. I am happy to say that we are in great shape!

A great journal cannot be made great without a dedicated editorial team of editors and reviewers. To show our appreciation, we normally recognize the top performers each year. This year, the top editor is Dr. Edward Au of Huawei Technologies, Canada, who has done fantastic job in handling the reviews of a large number of papers in a timely fashion. 2013 Top Reviewer Awards go to Marco Di Renzo of the French National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS), France, Himal Suraweera of the Singapore University of Technology and Design, Singapore, and Zhou Zhang of the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of Alberta, Canada, for their meticulous reviews delivered in a timely fashion. Congratulations to all of them!

I would like to make this new year's resolution: To better handle the heavy workload, we have restructured our editorial team. I would like to introduce three Area Editors overseeing paper reviews in three main areas of submissions. Dr. Gerhard Bauch will be the area editor in Wireless Communications, Dr. Nei Kato will be the area editor in Wireless Networks and Mobile Services, and Dr. Chunting (Chris) Mi will be the area editor in Vehicular Electronics and Transportation Systems. I thank them for agreeing to help handle papers in these respective areas. We hope these changes will speed up our review process and improve the quality of our journal to the next level.

Finally, I would like to thank you, the authors and readers, the content providers and consumers, who have made our journal the best possible.

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