

Welcome to the New Editor-in-Chief

I. INTRODUCTION

I HAVE had the privilege of serving as the Editor-in-Chief (EiC) for IEEE MICROWAVE AND WIRELESS COMPONENTS LETTERS (MWCL) for the past three years. During this time, the Letters has experienced a 20% increase in the number of papers submitted and published. In addition, with the excellent work of associate editors (AEs) and reviewers, the impact factor has come back up to 2.17 for 2017. In order to handle this increased load, we have modified the Editorial Board by adding track editors between the EiC and the AEs. The track editors now make the final decisions on all papers, and this allows the EiC to pay more attention to how well the Letters is performing in terms of time from submission to publication.

I would not have had any of this success with improving the Letters without the excellent and dependable support from Dana Kinney, Editorial Assistant for MWCL for my entire term.

It is now my great pleasure to introduce Thomas Zwick as the next EiC for IEEE MWCL, effective January 2019. Thomas is a Professor at the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, Karlsruhe, Germany, and serves as the Director of the Institute of Radio Frequency Engineering and Electronics. His areas of research include radio wave propagation, wireless communications, and radar technology. He has served in a variety of volunteer positions, including a TPC Chair of the 2013 European Microwave Conference and a General TPC Chair for the 2017 European Microwave Week. In addition, Thomas has been serving as an AE for MWCL since 2012 and is currently serving as one of the first track editors. While the Letters will face several challenges with the coming requirements for Open Access and competition from new journals, I am confident that Thomas will provide the leadership needed

for MWCL to continue to grow and thrive in the coming years.

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II. GREETINGS

I am very honored to take over as EiC for IEEE MWCL and would like to thank all who have been involved for their faith in my abilities. My special thanks go to Scott under whom it was a great pleasure to serve as AE and then track editor for the last three years.

To me, MWCL is a very important scientific journal in the MTT Society. MWCL is complementing the other MTT journals with its compact publication format and rather short publication time. The latter is one of the major points I would like to work on, since time to publication is very important in the current scientific environment, especially for short letters.

We will work to implement a fast track for submissions on both ends of the quality spectrum, and we will also revisit the time given to all individual parts of the reviewing process. Nevertheless, most important for an IEEE journal like MWCL is the scientific quality, fairness, and integrity which will be my first priority as it has been for all my predecessors.

I am looking forward to working with the track editor and AE to further improve our IEEE MWCL. Thank you all for your great work!

Happy New Year to all of you!

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