

We are two years old...

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2010 has been our second year since the launch of Infocommunications Journal, an international companion publication of a 65 years old Hungarian language journal "Communications Technology", published by the Hungarian Scientific Association for Infocommunications, a Sister Society of IEEE. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to our Hungarian Editorial Board and in particular to the International Advisory Committee for their continuing support throughout these two years. May I also commemorate one of the Committee members, Professor Yoram Ofek, a recognized expert in broadband communications and networking and a dear colleague, who passed away in 2010.

In 2010 we published three outstanding special issues and it is my pleasure to thank the Guest Editors for their dedicated work. In January, we had a Special Issue compiled from selected and peer-reviewed papers of the "First Hungarian–Japanese Joint Conference on Future Information and Communication Technologies", our Guest Editors were Werner Klaus (NICT, Japan), Gábor Magyar and Robert Szabó (Budapest Univ. of Tech. Econ., Hungary). In April a "Special Issue on Telecommunications Network Strategy and Planning" was put together by Tibor Cinkler (Budapest Univ. of Tech. Econ., Hungary), Oscar Gonzalez-Soto, (ITU, Spain), Gyula Sallai (Budapest Univ. of Tech. Econ., Hungary), Rati C. Thanawala (Alcatel-Lucent, USA) and Andy Valdar (University College London, UK). Our Special Issue in July was dedicated to "Novel Solutions for the Next Generation Services" edited by Maja Matijasevic (Univ. of Zagreb, Croatia) and Sandor Imre (Budapest Univ. of Tech. Econ., Hungary).

The quality of our journal is determined to a great extent by the diligent and rigorous work of the reviewers, let me thank them too by including the list of our reviewers in 2010 on the inner back cover.

It is not easy to get a new journal accepted and recognized by the international research community. One of the almost necessary conditions to achieve that is to get listed and indexed by one of the international indexing services. We submitted applications to Scopus, EI/Compendex and Inspec which are currently under review, let me hope that I can report on a positive outcome soon.

So much about the past, and after two really interesting years we will be facing new challenges in 2011. We had very useful discussions with IEEE COMSOC leaders earlier this year and obtained their advice on how to further improve the quality of the journal, one of their Sister Society publications, which is also linked from COMSOC portal. We are starting to move along a roadmap that would eventually lead to a technical sponsorship by IEEE and inclusion of our content in Xplore. As a first step of this roadmap, we are going to have a new international editorial board from 2011. We will also publish the papers in IEEE format, so I kindly ask our prospective authors to submit their manuscripts and final papers according to the formatting instructions available on http://www.ieee.org/publications_standards/publications/authors/authors_journals.html#sect2, where you can find a document "Template and Instructions on How to Create Your Paper".

The technical quality of our journal is primarily depends on the quality submissions. I would like to invite researchers from our Central and Eastern European region, but of course also from all over the world to submit their results to our journals. Topics of interest include:

- Data and network security
- Digital broadcasting
- Infocommunication services
- Internet technologies and applications
- Media informatics
- Multimedia systems
- Optical communications
- Society-related issues
- Space communications
- Telecommunication software
- Telecom. economy and regulation
- Testbeds and research infrastructures
- Wireless and mobile communications

Theoretical and experimentation research results achieved within the framework of European ICT projects are particularly welcome. From time to time we publish special issues and feature topics so please follow the announcements. Proposals for new special issues and feature topics are also welcome.

Finally, let me wish to our readers, authors, reviewers and committee members a happy and prosperous New Year!

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