
MESSAGE

IEICE Transaction on Communications: Editor's Message

I knew that a large proportion of what we write is not read by anyone, except those we force to read it. Although it is a little bit painful to know that only a few people is reading this section:-), as a new Editor-in-Chief I have to mention that our IEICE Transactions of Communications are entering a new era based on changes successfully begun by previous editorial team. The team started IEICE online on April 2006, reduced the time to publication, established new awards, and invited distinguished researchers to contribute to our transaction.

Let's thank Prof. Hiroyuki Arai, Editor-in-Chief, Dr. Makoto Taromaru, Editor, and more than twenty Associate Editors for serving on the editorial team for the past two years. It is not an easy job and I am deeply thankful for their great contribution.

Now we have a new editorial team. Please welcome a new Editor, Prof. Chikara Ohta, and new Associate Editors who are joining the IEICE Trans. Comm. Editorial team. We try to mix different areas of expertise and backgrounds. The goal is for our Transaction to strengthen its role as the communication community journals in which we are all involved. Our Transaction wants to be responsive to research topics and to readers' opinion. Therefore, one of my objectives will be to implement a short turn-around. On the content side, papers published in our Transactions should be of interest to our community. They should be mostly original with some evidence that it works or that the idea is worth being investigated. Novelty is certainly the heaviest acceptance criteria. In addition, I would like to encourage publication of "works in progress," provided they are of good caliber and introduce new material, whether it is a new methodology, a new idea, or a new result.

The 2007 fact of our Transaction is as follows. Almost 1,200 papers/letters were submitted to our Transaction. Among them, 45% were submitted from Korea, 25% from Japan, 13% from China, and 10% from USA. Acceptance ratio is less than 30% for papers.

Everyone is welcome to contribute, and we hope to receive inputs from faculty members, junior researchers, Ph.D. students, industry researchers, etc. I would like to mention that IEICE Transactions on Communications is your magazine, and its content is made by you! Please keep sending us articles, comments, and feedbacks on various topics. We will make our best to publish them as soon as possible, and improve our Transaction based on your ideas.

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Hiroyuki Morikawa (*Member*) received the B.E., M.E., and Dr. Eng. degrees in electrical engineering from the University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan, in 1987, 1989, and 1992, respectively. Since 1992, he had been in the University of Tokyo and currently a full professor of the Research Center for Advanced Science and Technology at the University of Tokyo. From 1997 to 1998, he stayed in Columbia University as a visiting research associate. From 2002 to 2006, he was a group leader of NICT Mobile Networking Group. His research interests are in the areas of computer networks, ubiquitous networks, mobile computing, wireless networks, photonic Internet, and network services. He served as a technical program committee chair of many IEEE/ACM conferences and workshops, Director of IEICE, Editor-in-Chief of IEICE Transactions on Communications, and sits on numerous telecommunications advisory committees and frequently serves as a consultant to government and companies. He received more than 20 awards including the IEICE best paper awards in 2002 and 2004, and IPSJ best paper award in 2006. He is a member of IEEE, ACM, ISOC, IPSJ, and ITE.

