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New Year and New Beginnings

Happy New Year! This marks the beginning of the fifth year of the *ITS Magazine*, and what an incredible journey we have had. From needing to solely solicit articles to be published in the first few issues to having special issues and now increasing our submissions to the point of even having papers in the backlog, the Magazine is definitely coming into its time to flourish. And as we see all of the advancements in transportation systems, why wouldn't one of the premier publications of the ITS Society blossom?

As the holidays and end of the year festivities have just passed, I hope everyone is refreshed and ready to hit the ground running. Actually, I had an electrical engineering professor in college who was a former military officer who corrected that saying as "hit the ground running and shooting." If you're not shooting, you won't be running for very long. In any case, I hope that many of you are preparing to submit to the *ITS Magazine* in 2014. This year should mark the first impact factor of the Magazine, and with our review periods as low as two months, everyone should submit.

At the ITSS Board of Governors' meeting in October 2013, we approved some new editorial board members. Some of them are the ones who had regular columns in the issues already (Brendan Morris, Mohammad Hoque, Christos Anagnostopoulos, Martin Lauer, and Javier Sanchez Medina), and James Krogmeier, who is an active researcher within the field from Purdue University. These additional people complement the other associate editors we have that manage the review process and solicit reviews from top researchers around the world in many different areas of specializations. Please help me welcome this growing board of editors to the Magazine.

One other piece of news that is quite exciting for me (and hopefully all of you) is that the ITSS Board of Governors elected me back into the Editor-in-Chief position of the *ITS Magazine* for another two year term. I hope that I can continue to grow the Magazine into a useful publication with a high impact factor in the coming years. If there are any suggestions or comments that you have concerning the Magazine, please e-mail me. I appreciate any feedback you can provide.

As you all get back into the swing of research after all the holiday festivities, keep in mind that the Magazine is always looking for articles that appeal to a wide range of people. Welcome to what is sure to be a tremendous year for the *ITS Magazine*!

Read, research, and write...

Jeffrey Miller
Editor-in-Chief

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