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EDITOR'S COLUMN

A Growing Magazine for a Growing Society

We start a new year with our best wishes to all our readers and followers. The *ITS Magazine* is flourishing as a growing publication in a global context of emerging ITS projects and technologies worldwide. Our commitment to bring these results to a wide audience of researchers, practitioners, engineers, and agencies is firm. It is more than obvious, though, that we need your seamless support for that.

In our latest social gathering at the IEEE ITSC2014 in Qingdao, China, in October 2014, I observed with satisfaction that our ITS Society is in really good shape. An increasing number of young researchers are submitting their contributions to our conferences, sharing motivation and illusion with senior researchers that, in turn, share their experience and knowledge with the youngsters. No doubt, this is a perfect mix for a healthy and growing scientific community like ours. Let us keep on working like this in order to transform this thrust into a bunch of high quality publications.

As a novelty, this issue of the *ITS Magazine* offers our readers two Special Issues, together with some regular papers. On the one hand, the Special Issue on Perception and Planning for Autonomous Vehicles provides a comprehensive approach to mapping-related topics, driving scene understanding, and automated driving on highways. On the other hand, we offer a Special Issue containing a selection of the best papers presented in the successful IEEE ITSC2013, at The Hague, The Netherlands. You will have the opportunity to know more about driver behavior and safety impact assessment tools, among other topics. I sincerely hope you will enjoy their reading.

I will never stop drawing your attention toward our growing *ITS Magazine*. We are continuously making our greatest efforts in order to offer a high quality publication tool to the ITS community. Please, think about your best ITS research project, organize your ideas and the conclusions that you learned from it, and wrap it up in a fancy *ITS Magazine* manuscript. A manuscript from which many others will learn. A manuscript that many of your colleagues will take as a reference in their future research. I would be more than grateful if you consider to use the *ITS Magazine* as your vehicle for that purpose.

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