
MESSAGE

IEICE Transactions on Communications: Editor's Message

In June 2020, some members will resign from the editorial committee of the IEICE Transactions on Communications while others will join the committee. It is my honor to inform you that after acting as an Editor of the transactions during a one-year period, I will serve as the Editor-in-Chief (EiC) for the next two years. As an Associate Editor, I also made a contribution to the transactions for about twelve years.

Speaking from my experience as an Editor and Associate Editor, the first merit of these transactions is a short period of the review process: All reviewers are required to complete one review within three weeks, while every Associate Editor handles submitted papers in order to meet such a requirement. In addition, the number of review rounds per submitted paper is limited to at most two. The second merit is that the reviewers tend to read the submitted papers more carefully and to make more valuable comments on those papers in comparison with other journals. Owing to such valuable comments, the authors can improve the quality of their papers more effectively. As another merit, unique categories such as the position paper and special issue are available. The position paper, which can be classified into a new category, has started since October 2015. Papers categorized as the position paper should exhibit novel ideas and/or significant achievements leading to innovative technologies for communications, which are expected to be very useful for researchers in the area of communications.

However, I regret to say that the number of papers submitted to the transactions has decreased gradually, which may damage the value of these transactions. Analyzing this trend, the editorial board has concluded that some constraints of the transactions may cause the decline and has struggled to lift such constraints, which cannot be disclosed now but will be clarified later.

Finally, I would like to thank Prof. Makoto Taromaru, the former EiC, and Prof. Satoshi Ohzahata, the former Editor, who will resign from the editorial board, for their invaluable efforts to improve the quality of the transactions. In addition, I wish to express my gratitude to Prof. Takeshi Ikenaga, who remains on the editorial board and continues to dedicate time to the transactions. On behalf of the board, I would like to give my special thanks to all the Associate Editors and reviewers for their distinguished contributions. Since I promise to do my best in cooperation with the editorial board and the Associate Editors, I would appreciate it if you could submit your remarkable manuscripts, which is the most effective way to increase the value of the transactions.

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