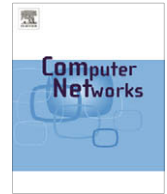




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## Editorial

Almost one decade has passed since we became Joint Editors-in-Chief for *Computer Networks*, back in January, 2000. While Ian Akyildiz has been responsible for regular issue papers, Harry Rudin has been organizing special issues on various hot topics in computer networking. The last decade was an almost surreal journey for the incredible progress of the journal. We heartily thank our authors, reviewers, editors and production team for this.

We have moved from hard copy to electronic paper processing. With a very sophisticated “Elsevier Editorial System”, the papers are processed timely, reliably and with a high degree of professionalism. The most notable success in the last decade was, without doubt, the 2008 Impact Factor (IF) for our journal which reached 1.304, up from 0.249 when we started our tenure back in 2000.

Even better is the cumulative IF over the last five years: we see a remarkable result of 1.804 for the 2008 rating.

Each year we have 18 issues (12 regular and six special issues.) This not only helps further to reduce the turn-around time for manuscripts but also gives us the opportunity to publish special issues on hot topics in the research field. Eighteen issues also makes the meaning of our IF much more respectful because the IF is calculated by the total number of citations divided by the total number of papers published in a two year period. *Computer Networks* now ranks in the top half of all categories within which it is listed in the *Journal Citation Reports*<sup>®</sup>.

Moreover, over the last decade the journal has gained an excellent reputation in the networking research community in terms of publishing very high quality technical papers; by having very high standards, a rigorous review process, and short turn-around times; by covering timely research topics; and by publishing special issues on the most recent popular research areas. These all contributed to a very healthy input flow of high quality papers. Another sign of the journals’ success is that the number of submitted papers in the last decade has quadrupled.

From time to time we receive questions about various subjects which we try to clarify here.

Yes, we do consider SURVEY papers.

In fact, we encourage researchers to submit more survey papers on hot topics in the future. We are also continuously looking for high quality papers which are of purely technical nature.

Another issue is about simultaneous submissions to a conference or to another Journal. In these cases we immediately reject the submitted paper. On the other hand, if papers appeared in a conference proceedings prior to the submission to our journal then we do consider them for publication. However, we expect that the authors do significant additional work (e.g., more experiments, more detailed descriptions, proofs, etc.) and bring the prior published conference version of the paper to a high journal level.

Another frequently asked question is about the paper filtering process. Each submitted paper is double-checked by the EiC or later by the assigned Editor to see whether it fits the scope of the journal and does not deal with an obsolete topic. It must also have sufficient technical depth. Any non-suitable paper is rejected by the EiC or the responsible Editor immediately. In this way, referees are not bothered by additional work and the authors do not waste their time in waiting for referee reports.

Several special issues are lined up for the future volumes. If you are interested in arranging special issues on timely topics, please do not hesitate to contact Harry Rudin.

We continue the “Editor of the Year” award and the year 2009 award goes to Edwin K.P. Chong as the recipient of the “2009 BEST EDITOR AWARD”. A plaque and the prize of US\$500 will be presented to him at an upcoming conference of his choice. Please join us in congratulating Edwin Chong for his excellent, diligent and timely work for the Journal.

Many researchers have volunteered their time and technical expertise during the last year to provide high quality referee reports. These referees play a key role in continuing the high quality of the Journal. On behalf of the authors, editors and Elsevier, we express our appreciation to them for their invaluable time and help. We list these reviewers in the back of this issue. If you are interested in serving as a referee, please do not hesitate to contact us or any of the editors whose names are listed in the inside cover of the journal.

Over time, editors step down from the Editorial Board and new editors are brought on board. In this issue we recognize and thank the editors who retired from the board after several years of outstanding service: Torsten Braun,

Charlie Hu, Sneha Kasera, Minglu Li, Alan Marshall, Ariel Orda, Mikhail Smirnov, and Maarten van Steen.

New editors bring continued technical leadership, new ideas and fresh energy to the journal. Recently we have invited several new editors to join our Editorial Board and whom we welcome in this issue: Yu Cheng, Sunghyun Choi, Romit Roy Choudhury, Hermann De Meer, Marco Gruteser, Nikos Laoutaris, Li Li Qiu, Xiajon Lin, Ying Dar Lin, Wenjing Lou, Kosta Psounis, Reza Rejaie, Alex Sprintson, and Jie Wu.

We are excited to have our new Editorial Board members and we look forward to working with them. We also express our special thanks to our current remaining Editors for their continuing outstanding service for the success of the Journal.

We also want to point out the administrative team our journal is fortunate to have, consisting of the Publishing Director, Ann Gabriel; Publisher, Rupal Malde; Contents Development Coordinator, Jie Chen; and Journal Manager, Devaprakash Kothandapani – all key figures. Our journal's administration truly reflects the power of computer

networking and how the world can be regarded as a small village. Ann Gabriel's office is in New York City; Rupal Malde is in Oxford, UK; Jie Chen is in the Beijing office; our marketing staff is in Amsterdam; Ian Akyildiz is in Atlanta; and Harry Rudin in Zurich, Switzerland; and finally, our production staff and the Journal Manager Devaprakash are in Chennai, India. Despite these physical distances, our team's harmoniously working together is a major component in the success of Computer Networks journal.

Requests, wishes, and suggestions from our readers are always welcome. If you have any feedback please do not hesitate to contact us.

We will continue to bring you the most important and significant research contributions in the years to come.

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