Editorial

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I would like to update some statistics of MSSP in this annual Editorial. I am pleased that this year we have several new records in the history of MSSP since it was founded by Professor N. K. Bose 25 years ago. The first record is the all-time high (2013) impact factor of MSSP at 1.578, which is almost double of that one year ago at 0.857 (2012). The number of total submissions in 2014, including both regular papers and special issue papers, has also reached a new record of 182 at the time of writing this Editorial (18 December 2014). In 2014, we published 43 research papers, which is again a new record for MSSP. Similar to 2012, all the 134 papers submitted in 2013 have final decisions as of today, meaning that all of the papers currently under review are of less than one year in the system. Among the 134 papers submitted in 2013, including both regular papers and special issue papers, 38 papers were accepted, giving an acceptance rate of about 28 % (38/134). With the help of the associate editors, reviewers and authors, among the 182 papers submitted in 2014 (by 18 December 2014), 117 of them have already had final decisions.

The journal is also keeping its tradition of balancing regular papers with special issue papers. In 2014 (issue 25:2), we published the special issue on “Multidimensional signal processing applications”, guest edited by associate editors Joerg Velten and Rudolf Rabenstein. In 2015 (issue 26:2), we will publish another special issue on “Symbolic methods in multidimensional systems theory”, guest edited by associate editors Alban Quadrat and Eva Zerz. Two new special issues, guest edited by associate editor Mikhail Tchobanou and Bin-Da Liu, editorial board member Paula Rocha and associate editor Youqing Wang, respectively, are now in progress. Several possible special issues are currently at the stage of discussion.

Since my previous editorial in the January 2014 issue, we welcome the new associate editors: Isao Echizen, Junwei Han, Xiaoping Lai, Teresa Paula Azevedo Perdicoulis, Yiming Pi, Youqing Wang and Xiaosheng Zhuang. After serving as associate editors for many years, Pau-Choo Chung, James Lam, Mikhail Tchobanou, Li Xu and Eva Zerz have now served

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in the capacity of editorial board members. We also want to take this occasion to thank outgoing editorial board member Shengyuan Xu and associate editor Ce Zhu for their long and valuable service to our journal.