

Letter from the Editor-in-Chief

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Energy systems build a fundamental building block of our society. We are living in exciting times of rapid technological and societal change, in particular in the energy sector. This is true for developing, emerging as well as industrialized countries. In fact, each country in the world has its very own opportunities and challenges in the energy sector. This leads to a particularly fruitful and rich variety of research questions for the scientific community.

Energy Systems was established by Distinguished Professor Panos Pardalos (University of Florida). The first issue came out in 2010. Since then, 7 volumes with 4 issues appeared, hosting over 170 published articles. The number of submissions also steadily increased, to reach over 190 submissions in 2016.

The journal has gained a very respectable reputation, attracting a wide variety of papers spanning many different disciplines of energy systems, including operations research, electrical engineering, environmental economics, mechanical engineering and applied mathematics.

In 2016, I joined Professor Pardalos as a co-editor. Starting 2017, I am now the sole editor-in-chief of *Energy Systems*. My goal is to continue this positive trajectory of the journal. In particular, I want to maintain the fast review process of *Energy Systems* until the first decision is reached, to ensure a rapid feedback to the authors.

Let me take this opportunity to thank Professor Pardalos for his vision and enthusiasm to put this journal together and, of course, for his excellent work in the past years which brought the journal to its current level! Of course, I also thank the editorial board members, the reviewers, Springer's journal staff and most importantly, the authors for submitting their best papers.

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