

## Editorial

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This opening issue after the journal completes a lifespan of 20 years since the first issue appeared in March 1990, brings out some changes. To promote vitality and new ideas, it is our policy to make changes in our editorial board as well as associate editors. Since our journal is international, we strive to have representations from as broad a sector as possible. Let us all welcome the new associate editors who have kindly agreed to serve effective January 15, 2010: Dr. Panajotis Agathoklis from the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering at the University of Victoria in Canada, Dr. Zhu Ce and Dr. Anamitra Makur, both from the School of Electrical and Electronic Engineering at the Nanyang Technological University in Singapore, Dr. Pau-Choo Chung from the Department of Electrical Engineering at National Cheng Kung University in Taiwan, Dr. Bahadir K. Gunturk from the Department of Electrical Engineering at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, Professor James Lam from the Department of Mechanical Engineering at the University of Hong Kong (<http://web.hku.hk/~jlam/>), and Dr. Soontorn Oraitara from the Department of Electrical Engineering at the University of Texas at Arlington.

At the same time we should thank the following six associate editors and an editorial board member who have served our journal for several years (and are now being replaced by the new invitees): Dr. V. L. Kharitonov, Dr. R. J. Ober, Dr. H. Park, Dr. P. K. Rajan, Dr. G. L. Sicuranza, Dr. V. Vinnikov, and Dr. E. A. Robinson. Special thanks are extended to Professors P. K. Rajan, G. L. Sicuranza, and E. A. Robinson, who have been with our journal for the last 20 years, ever since it was founded. We look forward to their advice and participation in whatever capacity their schedules permit.

Ms. Miriam Neethi (Miriam.Neethi@springer.com) will now provide support for Editorial Manager (of “Multidimensional Systems and Signal Processing”), which has now been transferred from SPI (Manila) to SPS (Chennai, India) in order to have the Journal Editorial Office and production activities for this journal under the same roof.

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I am very pleased to report that Dr. Isao Yamada, an associate editor of this journal has been promoted to the rank of full professor, effective August 1, 2009, at the Department of Communications and Integrated Systems in the Tokyo Institute of Technology, Japan. Heartiest congratulations, Professor Yamada, for a most well-deserved promotion.

Dr. Chalie Charoenlarnnapparut, an associate editor of our journal received the award for the Outstanding Teacher in Science and Technology for the Academic Year 2008 from Thammasat University (TU) in Thailand. He also received the Best Teaching Awards for the Academic Years 2002 and 2006 from Sirindhorn International Institute of Technology (SIIT) of TU. Dr. Chalie is currently the Head of the School of Information, Computer, and Communication Technology and the Coordinator of the Communications Curriculum. He received his Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering from the Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA, USA. His dissertation was concerned with the use of Groebner bases for analysis and design of multidimensional digital filters. The desired qualifications of a TU Outstanding Teacher include: high dedication to effective teaching, being a great teacher, being well appraised by students and colleagues, as well as helping society with a positive attitude. Keep up the good work, Chalie!