

Editorial introduction

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In this first issue of 2008, I'd like to announce some changes in the editorial board. The following persons have stepped down: Nick Bambos, Hong Chen, Jim Dai, Gün-ter Last, Avi Mandelbaum, Isi Mitrani, Karl Sigman and Gideon Weiss. Each of them has served *Queueing Systems* for a large number of years. The queueing community owes a large debt to them for their many valuable contributions to the review process of *Queueing Systems*. It was an honour to work with them, and I am very grateful for their dedication and wise judgment.

I am most pleased to announce that the following persons have agreed to serve as associate editor of *Queueing Systems*: Mor Armony (New York University), Thomas Bonald (France Telecom), John Hasenbein (University of Texas at Austin), Kavita Ramanan (Carnegie-Mellon University), Wolfgang Stadje (University of Os-nabrück), and Bert Zwart (Georgia Tech). Somewhat earlier, Bong Dae Choi (Ko-rean University) and Michel Mandjes (University of Amsterdam) had also joined the editorial board. All these persons are very talented and active researchers in the field of queueing theory, and their expertise is of the utmost value for the jour-nal.

A few years ago, conform the Springer policy, a two-column lay-out had to be adopted in *QUESTA*. Fortunately it is now allowed to switch back to the single-column style, which in my opinion is more suitable for mathematically oriented pub-lications.

Finally, I'd like to draw your attention to the following. In 1909 A.K. Erlang published his paper "The theory of probabilities and telephone conversations" (Nyt Tidsskrift for Matematik B, Vol. 20), which may be considered to be the first publica-

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tion in queueing theory. To celebrate the centennial of queueing theory, a conference “100 years of queueing—The Erlang centennial” will be organized in Copenhagen, on April 1–3, 2009. *QUESTA* shall publish a special issue with invited papers that will be presented at this conference.

Editor-in-Chief

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