From the Editor

The conference season is now in full swing and later in the newsletter you will find photographs and reports from three meetings. The IEEE “Computation in Electromagnetics” (CEM) conference took place in Beaumont, UK, in April and which I had a pleasure and honour to chair, brought together three communities of electromagnetics, electromagnetic compatibility and antennas and propagation, and offered a perfect opportunity for networking. Extensive use of internet was very welcome and we all look forward to a special post-conference Special Issue of IET Proceedings with a selection of extended papers. The IEEE CECF in Perugia, Italy, was a recent major event with nearly 400 participants and many significant papers. Congratulations to the organizers and in particular to Professor Cardelli for arranging such a successful event. The next CECF will be in Korea in 2004.

Finally, a smaller but very friendly symposium has just finished in Leuven, Belgium, and I would like to thank Professors Demontis and Flammia for continuing the strong tradition of EPNC (Electromagnetic Phenomena in Nonlinear Circuits). The first EPNC was organized in Poznan, Poland, in 1972, so it must be one of the oldest series in the field of computational electromagnetics.


Finally, two important items of news regarding the Society. First, the change to the Constitution has been approved by the voting members so that elections to the Board will from now on take place every three, rather than two, years. And secondly, the Board elected the ICS officers to serve until the next elections in 2004 – please consult the back page of this Newsletter for details.

I wish all ICS members an enjoyable and relaxing summer break.

Jan Sykulski

Invitation to COMPUMAG 2003

We are very excited to be hosting COMPUMAG 2003 in Saratoga Springs, New York.

Let me tell you a bit about the location. Saratoga Springs is located in upstate New York, midway between the southern part of the Adirondack Mountains and the New York State Capitol region (Albany, Schenectady and Troy). It is close to Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute where the arrangements are being made. Besides RPI, we are fortunate to have local industry and research laboratories, which will also help in the organization. These industrial partners include the General Electric Research Labs and Knolls Atomic Power Labs in Schenectady and Xerox Research Labs in Tarrytown, New York.

By the time you read this article, the first call for papers should have reached you. Our web-site, although still under construction, is up and running. Please check it out at www.computmag2003.com. We have been in contact with our colleagues at McGill University who are gearing up for the paper review process. Rooms and conference facilities have been booked in the Sheraton Saratoga (main site) and additional rooms at the Saratoga Springs Holiday Inn. We are in the final stages of arranging the conference banquet. We are committed to making the conference a scientific success as well as a pleasurable and memorable experience. We know that it will be the hard act to follow after Compumag-Evian, but hope to match the blend of technical excellence and social events that the Lyon team provided.

Saratoga Springs is a charming small town, which has played an important role in American history. A famous battle in the Revolutionary...