

From the Editor

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It is my great pleasure and privilege to write to all readers of *IET Science, Measurement & Technology* as the new Editor-in-Chief. IET-SMT has such a long history and tradition and I remember very well reading – as a young academic – some fascinating articles about computation of electromagnetic fields, not knowing at the time that this would in fact become my area of research. The current coverage of the journal is of course much broader.

I would like to start by thanking Mike Cunningham, from the University of Manchester, UK, for his many years of dedicated service to the journal, and more generally to the community, as the previous Editor-in-Chief. It was under his leadership that various changes took place over the recent years and I am sure I express the feelings of many readers that we are indebted to him enormously. I can only hope that the new Editorial Team and modified arrangements – in particular the creation of the new roles of Associate Editors – will further strengthen the position of IET-SMT as a prime research journal.

I would also like to thank Tony Almeida, from the University de Coimbra, Portugal, for accepting the invitation to act as the Deputy Editor-in-Chief with day-to-day responsibilities of processing the submissions and liaising with the Associate Editors. I am very excited by the prospect of working together with Tony and the team of dedicated Associate Editors to build up the reputation of the journal. The challenges are significant and we have several initiatives under consideration. I am also looking forward to working with the very professional staff at IET-SMT. I have been active in the The Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET) for many years, as Chair of one of the Professional Groups in the '90s, then creator and Chair of a Professional Network on Electromagnetics, more recently as Senior Accreditor and member of the Academic Accreditation Committee, also member of the Scholarship Committee, and finally – for the last three years – as

member of the IET Council. My particular 'theme' which I was pursuing while on the Council was about the role of the Institution as a Learned Society and of course publication activities play an important part in fulfilling such expectations.

I hope to be able to contribute to the success of the SMT journal,

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