

Transition to Fast Publication

VOLO. 14, No. 4, 2013, is not only the last issue of the year but also the last issue of the quarterly published IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS (T-ITS). On October 6, 2013, in the Hague, Netherlands, the Board of Governors (BoG) of the IEEE ITS Society (ITSS) has approved our plan to expand the T-ITS from four issues to six issues per year in 2014. This is a necessary step to accommodate our fast growth in submissions and significant improvement in the quality of services. Therefore, starting with Volume 15, our T-ITS will enter a new era and be published bimonthly.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your tremendous support over the past five years. When I was appointed as the Editor-in-Chief of the T-ITS in 2009, our submission rate was less than one per day; today, we are receiving approximately two papers every day. This also implies heavier workloads on many of our associate editors, and few of them have processed more than 20 papers with high quality last year. As a result, we have received a record number of candidates recommended for the 2012 Outstanding Service Awards of the IEEE T-ITS, but unfortunately, only up to three of them can be selected. The three winners announced at the banquet of IEEE Conference on ITS 2013 in The Hague last October were the following:

Prof. Zhi-Hong Mao, The University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, USA;
 Paolo Grisleri, Università degli Studi di Parma, Parma, Italy;
 Riad I. Hammoud, DynaVox Technologies, USA.

Congratulations to Zhi-Hong, Paolo, and Riad, and many thanks for your outstanding services and dedication to our journal!

I also want to take this opportunity to welcome new members of our editorial board: Stan Birchfield, Feng Chu, Maged Dessouky, Elias Kosmatopoulos, James Krogmeier, and Derong Liu. We welcome more qualified volunteers to join our T-ITS as associate editors or reviewers.

Finally, I would like to introduce our newly established advisory board, which was proposed to the BoG of the IEEE ITSS last June at the Gold Coast, Australia. The Advisory Board of the IEEE T-ITS (2014–2015) is comprised of the following:

Chair: Petros Ioannou;

Members: Matthew Barth, Alberto Broggi, Yaobin Chen, Daniel Dailey, Ichiro Masaki, Jeffrey Miller, Umit Ozguner, William Scherer, Christoph Stiller, Mohan Trivedi, Chip White, Daniel Zeng, Wei-Bin Zhang, and Nanning Zheng.

I am looking forward to working with both the advisory board and the editorial board for a better T-ITS in the next two years.

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