

A Farewell Note and Reviewer Appreciation Program 2015

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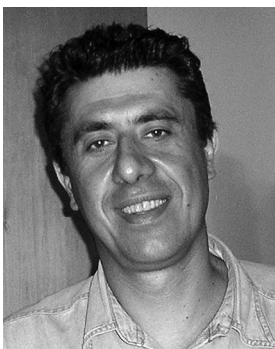
Rest satisfied with doing well, and leave others to talk of you as they please

—Pythagoras, from Samos Island

It has been an immense honor and pleasure to serve as Editor-in-Chief (Eic) of the IEEE COMMUNICATIONS LETTERS (COMML) in the last four years. Our journal receives almost 3,000 submissions (initial and re-submissions) per year and thanks to the continuous devotion and efforts of the Editorial Board, it currently has a mean turnaround time of 4.1 weeks from submission to decision and 7.1 weeks from submission to online publication in *Xplore*. Furthermore, the journal now publishes almost 50 papers/200 pages each month, which shows that it has been established as the journal of choice for many authors and researchers. Overall, IEEE COMML is a healthy journal in a very good shape.

The major landmark during my tenure as EiC was the introduction of the double-blind review process, in May 2013. This concept is a fair way to prevent bias, or the perception of bias, toward any author. So far, the double-blind process runs smoothly and with great success.

I would also like to highlight that during my tenure, I had the chance to work with several Editors and Senior Editors; without their expert help, it would be impossible to publish monthly this high quality journal that ComSoc can be certainly proud of. I truly thank them all from the bottom of



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my heart. Also, I want to recognize and thank at least some of the several individuals who have contributed to the successful operation of this journal over the past four years: First of all the Managing Editor, N. Theodorou, who provided a dedicated and conscientious service in a daily basis; I also thank the ComSoc Vice President Publications, S. K. Wilson, for her support during these years and L. Cimini, ComSoc Director of Journals for his valuable help and advice. Finally, I would like to thank the ComSoc staff, J. Milizzo, C. Cronin, B.

Worthman, and the IEEE staff, C. Van Sciver for the excellent collaboration.

As I am ready to “*Rest satisfied with doing well,*” I would like to welcome our new Editor-in-Chief, Prof. O. Dobre. She comes with a distinguished research record and served for many years the journal as Editor and Senior Editor. She has shown great commitment and efficiency in carrying out her duties and I am confident that she will also excel in her duties as Editor-in-Chief.

Concluding this short editorial note, I would like to thank the following exemplary reviewers, who represent less than 3% of all reviewers in 2015 and they provided at least five constructive and timely reviews during the year.

I wish you a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year!

Exemplary Reviewers 2015

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Cristina Cano
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