

# Status of the Letters and Exemplary Reviewers

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In May 2011, IEEE approved the creation of a new COMSOC journal, *IEEE Wireless Communications Letters* (WCL). The motivation of WCL is partly to address a recent rapid growth in submissions and partly to pair with TWireless as CL for TCOM. The new journal publishes bimonthly with the inaugural issue delivered in February 2012.

WCL reviews have been conducted using the WCL Manuscript Central (<http://mc.manuscript-central.com/wcl>) since the beginning. WCL has implemented the pre-review option (performed by Senior Editors) for filtering out unqualified submissions, allowing Editors to focus on handling high-quality submissions. With this dual-stage review system, and thanks to the dedication of all editors, the review process has been in very good shape. As shown in Fig. 1, the average review time from submission to the first decision is 28



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days as of January 31, 2013. An additional important timeliness metric introduced recently is the time from submission to online posting at the IEEE Xplore via Early Access (i.e., epublication), which directly measures how quickly accepted papers can be accessible for readers. Fig. 2 shows that this metric is about 10 weeks on average for the first three quarters in 2012.

I want to thank the members of the WCL Editorial Board for their invaluable service that is essential for maintaining a high-quality and efficient review process. I also thank all reviewers for their precious time and effort spent on carefully reviewing WCL submissions. In particular, I want to take this chance to recognize the exemplary reviewers as listed below, who have contributed many high-quality reviews in the period from September 2011 to December 2012.

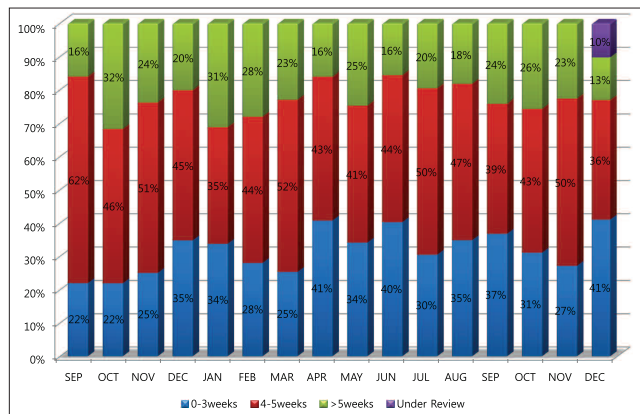


Fig. 1. Distribution of review time to the first decision.

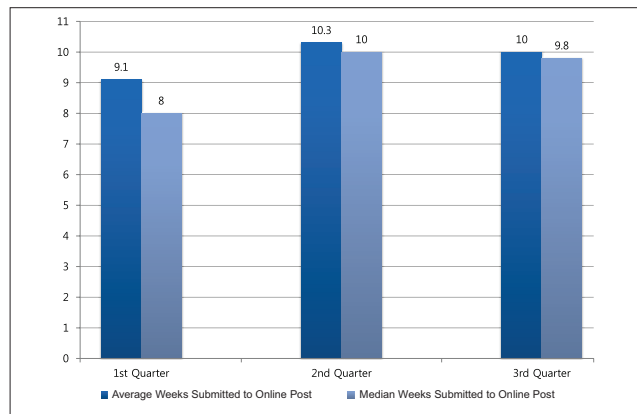


Fig. 2. Average time from submission to online publication.

## Exemplary Reviewers 2012

Koichi Adachi  
Samar Agnihotri  
Mohammed F. A. Ahmed  
George Alexandropoulos  
Nicolas AMIOT  
Annamalai Annamalai  
Giacomo Bacci  
Paolo Casari  
Julian Cheng  
Bogdan Chlebus  
Char-Dir Chung  
Marco Di Renzo  
Antonis Dimitriou  
Nuwan Ferdinand  
Carsten Fritsche

Xavier Gelabert  
Sinan Gezici  
Mohammad Reza Gholami  
Muhammad Fainan Hanif  
Christoph Hellings  
Yichao Huang  
Salama Ikki  
Jingon Joung  
Hyungsik Ju  
Vasileios Kapinas  
Marios Kountouris  
Ioannis Krikidis  
Te-Lung Kung  
Jemin Lee  
Michael Lentmaier

Sungmook Lim  
Jonathan Ling  
Peng Liu  
Gianluigi Liva  
Yao Ma  
Aditya Mahajan  
John Matyjas  
Hani Mehrpouyan  
Robert Morelos-Zaragoza  
Chandra Murthy  
Wing Kwan Ng  
Duy Ngo  
Gosan Noh  
Enrico Paolini  
Yiyang Pei

Shilpa Rao  
Vladimir Savic  
Himal Suraweera  
Rajat Talak  
Zhenhui Tan  
Poramate Tarasak  
Velio Tralli  
Shanshan Wang  
Lili Wei  
Chao-Kai Wen  
Jun Yang  
Hyunseuk Yoo  
Caijun Zhong