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 review-

ers 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.

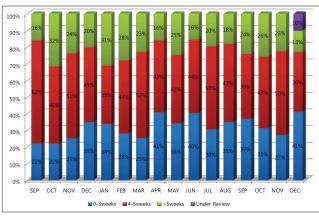


Fig. 1. Distribution of review time to the first decision.

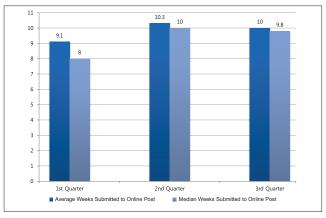


Fig. 2. Average time from submission to epublication.

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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
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Chandra Murthy
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