

GUEST EDITORIAL

EuMW Special Issue

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The International Journal of Microwave and Wireless Technology always welcomes free submissions by authors active in the microwave field. However, once a year an issue appears for which the manuscripts have been invited. This Special Issue of the Journal comprises expanded versions of selected papers from the European Microwave Week. It is this issue that you are reading now. The last EuMW – just like the Journal, an initiative of the European Microwave Association (EuMA) – was held in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, from October 28 to November 2, 2012. In conjunction with an exhibition, it consisted of three conferences: the European Microwave Conference (EuMC), the European Microwave Integrated Circuits Conference (EuMIC), and the European Radar Conference (EuRAD). Within a week, the latest technical developments in the microwave field and related topics were presented, making this the premier microwave event in Europe. Approximately 1100 individual delegates attended EuMW 2012, which is excluding the visitors of the exhibition.

This special issue of the International Journal of Microwave and Wireless Technology on the EuMW 2012 contains expanded versions of the best conference papers (according to the scores from the Technical Program Committee), which then went through a thorough review and editorial process. From the total of 768 paper submissions to the three conferences, it is the top 27 contributions that have made it into this journal, a truly selective procedure indeed. The contributions reflect the dynamic landscape of microwave and radar R&D. They also turn out to nicely reflect the breadth and quality of the conference, and offer something for every interested reader.

There is no doubt that the content of this issue is both rich and diversified. We observe that frequencies range from 1 GHz up to 100 GHz, with extensions into the optical range as a support for the microwave systems. While passive circuits are present, the majority of the papers are related to active systems, with several contributions including digital techniques interacting with the microwave part. There is an enormous variety of technologies that appear in the papers: from inkjet-printed lines, right/left-handed transmission lines, and magneto-dielectric substrates, through RF-MEMS, film bulk acoustic wave resonators and MMIC technologies (SiGe, GaN), up to the application of optical resonators and optical fibers. The applications you will observe are equally

diverse: from radar-like systems for the position detection of lap joints, concealed weapons or moving people to front-end chips, microwave microscopy, and biological sensors. We believe that all these subjects are top-of-mind for the European Microwave community. It is research results like these that make composing this special issue, just like organizing the week itself, worth all the effort!

As Associate Editors, we would like to thank the authors for their contributions, the reviewers for their unsurpassed efforts, and the editors-in-chief for their help and the opportunity to create this Special Issue. We hope that you will enjoy reading the papers, and that you too will consider publishing in the International Journal of Microwave and Wireless Technologies.



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