

A Message from the Incoming Editor-in-Chief

As the NEW Editor-in-Chief, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you, the readers of the Journal of Communications (JCM) a very happy and productive new year! Dr. Haohong Wang (Marvell Semiconductors) and Dr. Niki Pissinou (Florida International University), the Associate Editor-in-Chiefs, and I have decided to write this editorial to keep the readers of the JCM informed of its excellent progress achieved so far. This is the first time we have written an editorial for the JCM.

Since the founding of the JCM in 2005 under the great vision and enthusiastic leadership of the founding Editor-in-Chief, Dr. George J. Sun, we have witnessed great growth of JCM into a competing Journal in Communications community. Dr. Sun and his Editorial team have set a high standard for their successors to follow. I'm greatly honored to be appointed by Dr. Sun, now the Chief Executive Editor of the Academy Publisher, as the new Editor-in-Chief to take the challenge to lead this wonderful Journal. So far, JCM has been successfully included in most popular indexing services except SCI and JCR. The inclusion of the JCM in the SCI and JCR shall be our next goal in 2009, as this gets JCM accepted within the list of the top journals around this community. On behalf of the new editorial team, I would like to use this special occasion to thank Dr. George J. Sun and his Editorial team for their hard work to maintain the quality of JCM in the past three years.

Since we took this responsibility Haohong, Niki and I have been working very hard around the clock to reshape the JCM's Editorial Board, revising its guidelines for selecting the Special Issues (SI) and forming an Advisory Board Members for it. We have already set up the Advisory Board Members consisting of the world well-known scientists. We had clear qualification criteria for selecting the Advisory Board Members. One of the preferred criteria for selecting an Advisory Board Member was to have an IEEE/ACM fellowship status. We hope that the new Advisory Board set up, the revised JCM's Editorial Board and the revised guidelines for selecting the Special Issues would help JCM to build a very solid foundation and promote the JCM image in the Communications Community. These changes were extremely important for reshaping the journal and take the JCM to the next level. We are very confident that the reshaped JCM would be included into the ISI databases, as we are setting higher quality control standards, but please allow some time for this reshaping process to take place. Using the revised guidelines for selecting the Special Issues, we are happy to report that the process of reviewing/evaluating of the previous JCM SIs have been completed and we have selected some of the previously submitted proposals for the Special Issues and have approved them for the publication in the JCM in 2009 along with the few newly submitted and accepted ones. Finally, we have chosen EasyChair as the web-based submission and review management system for JCM, so as to automate and enhance the editorial activities.

We strongly believe that the direct communication between the editors and authors are important for the health, quality and well being of the JCM Journal and its contents. Especially, the web-based editorial system for the paper submission and review management process has been in place. We hope all of you adhere to a high-quality standard for this journal in your future paper handling. We also request that all Editors use high standards to make their decisions during the paper handling process from the reviewers' invitations to the final decision making. The JCM journal will continue to publish the high-quality papers, and we will NOT compromise this mission. Let us start a campaign of promoting the reputation and the visibility of this journal nationally and internationally with selecting high quality papers and thus publishing high-quality issues.

A lot of work went into reshaping this Journal, forming the Advisory Board, revising the JCM's Editorial Board and revising its guidelines for selecting the Special Issues. I would like to take this opportunity to express my deep personal thanks to the Associate Editor-in-Chiefs, especially, Dr. Haohong Wang who has been working very hard around clock to make this journal a success. We would also like to thank all the JCM's Advisory Board Members and the new Editorial Board Members for accepting our invitations to be part of the JCM Journal. Finally, we would like to thank the remaining Editorial Board Members, authors, readers, and reviewers for their great help and support in making this Journal a premier Journal in Communications community. I look forward to a bright future for the JCM.

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