## Message From the Editor for Contributions to the 2003 Real-Time Conference Issue of TNS

HIS issue of the IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON NUCLEAR SCIENCE is devoted to the 13th IEEE-NPSS Real-Time Conference (RT2003) on Computing Applications in Nuclear and Plasma Sciences held in Montreal, Québec, Canada, May 18–23, 2003.

Of the approximately 130 papers accepted for presentation at the Conference, 53 were submitted for possible publication in TNS and, after peer review, 43 have been accepted. The Conference Record, edited by Dora Merelli, Laure Reuter, and Joël Surget, from CEA, Saclay, France, and published on CD-ROM, contain most of the papers presented at the Conference but not published in the present issue of TNS.

I wish to thank the authors for their submission and for their openness toward the numerous and pertinent remarks expressed by the reviewers. On their side, the reviewers did not count their time to provide the authors with knowledgable advice and very constructive criticism.

I also thank the IEEE for providing "Manuscript Central," an invaluable tool for supporting the process of peer review, that was appreciated by the authors and the reviewers and proved to be a faithful assistant to the editor.

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