

Editorial

AWPL Editorial Updates

IT IS a great honor to serve as the fifth Editor-in-Chief for IEEE ANTENNAS AND WIRELESS PROPAGATION LETTERS (AWPL), starting on 1 March 2023.

First of all, I would like to thank my predecessor, Prof. Christophe Fumeaux, who made huge contributions to AWPL during the past six years as the Editor-in-Chief. His dedication and wisdom have enabled AWPL to become one of the most successful journals of IEEE, well known for its timeliness and very high quality. I am also grateful to my other predecessors Prof. Piergiorgio L.E. Uslenghi, Prof. Gianluca Lazzi, and Prof. Yang Hao, whose efforts and vision have enabled AWPL to become a flagship publication in the field of antennas and propagation. The average response time (from submission to decision) of AWPL in 2022 is 25 days (see Fig. 1), making AWPL one of the fastest journals of IEEE.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms. Claire Sideri, who has been working as an editorial assistant (EA) of AWPL for 15 years and will continue to support AWPL as such. Thanks Claire for the great work!

The editorial board of AWPL consists of many internationally leading experts in the field of antennas and propagation. I am very grateful to all members of the editorial board for their dedication and constant commitment on daily basis all year round. Some associate editors (AEs) have made contributions to AWPL for some years. Taking this opportunity, may I thank all members of the editorial board for their great contributions to AWPL. Recently we have some new AEs who joined us from many different countries. A very warm welcome to new AEs including Prof. Hussein Mahmoud Abdelsalam Attia, Prof. Luigi Boccia, Dr. Astrid Algaba Brazalez, Prof. Shengjian Jammy Chen, Prof. Qiang Chen, Prof. Yikai Chen, Prof. EunMi Choi, Prof. Hsi-Tseng Chou, Prof. Ozlem Aydin Civi, Prof. Hugo G. Espinosa, Prof. José Manuel Fernández, Prof. Lu Guo, Prof. Yejun He, Prof. Mohsen Khalily, Prof. Yujian Li, Prof. Jessica Ruyle, Prof. Josaphat “Josh” Tetuko Sri Sumantyo, Prof. Mingchun Tang, Prof. Kenneth Tong, Prof. Wenxuan Tang, Prof. Steve Hang Wong, Prof. Xue-Xia Yang, Prof. Qi Luo, Prof. Toni Björninen, Dr. Chandrakanta Kumar, and Prof. Shulabh Gupta.

I am also very grateful to anonymous reviewers of AWPL who provide high-quality reviews of papers in a timely manner. We are in the process of finalizing the list of Outstanding Reviewers and the list of Outstanding Associate Editors, which will be presented during the 2023 IEEE Antennas and Propagation

Number of Days from submission to decision

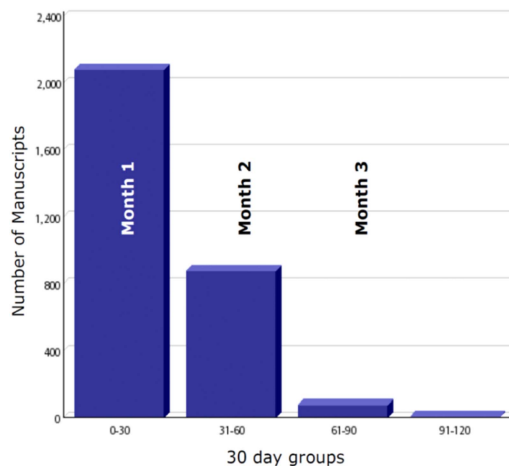


Fig. 1. Time from submission to decision in 2022.

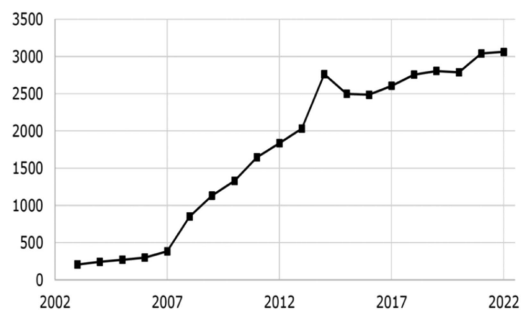


Fig. 2. Number of submissions from 2002 to 2022.

Society (AP-S) Symposium at Portland, OR, USA, during this July. The previous list of Outstanding Associate Editors and the list of Outstanding Reviewers for the outstanding performance in 2021 are available on the AWPL website [1].

Fig. 2 shows the number of paper submissions to AWPL during the years 2002–2022 [2]. As shown in Fig. 2, the number of paper submissions has kept increasing rapidly during the past 20 years, and we received 3062 papers submissions in 2022. Fig. 3 shows that, among the papers submitted in 2022, about 31.2% have received decisions of “accept” or “minor revision.”

We have two special clusters which are planned for publication in the November issue of AWPL:

- 1) “Recent Advances in Applications Involving Mutual Coupling,” edited by Prof. Hoi-Shun Antony Lui, Prof. Christophe Craeye, and Prof. Trevor Bird;

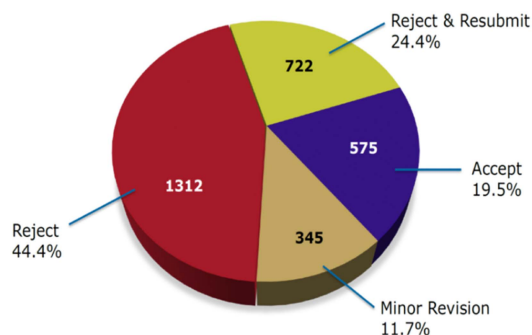


Fig. 3. Number of manuscripts by decision in 2022.

2) “Recent Advances in Conformal Metasurfaces,” edited by Prof. Jordan Budhu and Prof. Anthony Grbic.

More details can be found in [3].

I look forward to seeing a successful 2023 for AWPL and wish you all a very successful year!



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Dr. Gao was a Distinguished Lecturer of IEEE Antennas and Propagation Society (2014–2016), and an Associate Editor for IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON ANTENNAS AND PROPAGATION (2015–2021),

Radio Science (2013–2022), *Electronics Letters* (2016–2022), *IET Circuits, Devices and Systems* (2014–2020), etc. He was the General Co-Chair of international conferences (LAPC 2013 and UCMMT 2021) and was an Invited/Keynote Speaker at many conferences. He was the Lead Guest Editor of PROCEEDINGS OF THE IEEE for a Special Issue on “Small Satellites” (2018), the Lead Guest Editor of IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON ANTENNAS AND PROPAGATION for Special Issues on “Low-Cost Wide-Angle Beam-Scanning Antennas” (2022) and “Antennas for Satellite Communication” (2015), and a Guest Editor of *IET Circuits, Devices and Systems* for a Special Issue on “Photonic and RF Communications Systems” (2014). He was the U.K.’s Representative in European Association on Antennas and Propagation (EurAAP) (2021–2022). He is a Fellow of Royal Aeronautical Society, U.K. Since March 2023, he has been the Editor-in-Chief of IEEE ANTENNAS AND WIRELESS PROPAGATION LETTERS.

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