



## Message from the Editor-in-Chief

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It gives me great pleasure to bring out the First issue of the **International Journal of Microwave and Optical Technology (IJMOT)** for the year 2011. Before I go further, on behalf of IJMOT/ISMOT family I would like to wish **“VERY HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR”** to our Editorial Board members, all the reviewers, authors, readers, subscribers and web manager of IJMOT. Without continued help and support of all these people we cannot achieve our goal of making IJMOT as one of the best journals in this field. This issue contains good mixture of papers in microwave area including various types of microstrip antennas, dielectrophoretic system, microwave semiconductor devices, waveguides, and swarm optimization for antennas. This issue does not contain any optics related paper as none was ready by the due date for this issue

As I have informed you all in the past, we have installed new and extremely user friendly software for IJMOT. This software has been developed by our web manager Syam Challa. You all might have noticed that this new system still has some glitches now and then but we are working hard to fix all the glitches as soon as possible. Any inconvenience to our authors and subscribers due to these glitches is highly regretted.

**I am again requesting to all the authors of the published papers to contribute voluntary page charges as much as possible. It is absolutely necessary for maintaining publication time-line, free of charge publication/access, and quality of the publications. If authors do not come forward to pay these voluntary page charges, we will be forced to collect publication charges in future before any paper is published in IJMOT.**

I am very pleased to inform you all that the **13<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Microwave and Optical Technology (ISMOT-2011)** will be held in Prague, Czech Republic under the leadership of Prof. Jan Vrba of Czech Technical University, Prague from June 20-23, 2011. It will be a special landmark for ISMOT as it will be completing 25 yrs in 2011. The Call for Papers for ISMOT-2011 has already been announced and all the details are available on the website: [www.ismot2011.com](http://www.ismot2011.com). The last date to submit papers for ISMOT-2011 is February 15 which is approaching soon. So please **hurry up and submit your paper without any delay**. Future ISMOTs are tentatively scheduled as: ISMOT-2013- Singapore and ISMOT-2015- Guadalajara, Mexico.

My special thanks to our web manager Mr. Syam Challa for his continued efforts for improving the IJMOT website especially working overdrive during the upgrading process and helping in the publication of every issue since 2007.

**Banmali S. Rawat**

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