



## Message from the Editor-in-Chief

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It gives me great pleasure to bring out the Second issue of the **International Journal of Microwave and Optical Technology (IJMOT)** for the year 2011. However, it is one of the saddest moments also as this being a **special issue dedicated to the victims of Earth Quake and Tsunami in Japan on March 11, 2011**. We all know that on March 11, 2011 an 8.9 magnitude earth quake hit the Sendai region of Japan followed by 10 meter high Tsunami waves along the coastline. This resulted in more than 15000 deaths and unprecedented loss of property in that region. The horrifying images we all witnessed on TV or internet are clear reminder of our inability in against the nature even though we might boast scientific and technological progress made by human race. As if this devastation was not sufficient, radiation from the nearby damaged nuclear power plants is still a serious concern in Japan which may impact the future generations also. Let us all join in the prayer for the dead and victims of one of the greatest tragedies of modern civilization and let our brethren in Japan know that in this tragic time we all are with them.

This issue contains good mixture of papers in microwave area including various types of microstrip antennas, waveguides, photonics crystals, new general solution of Maxwell's equations and millimeter wave antenna.

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. All the details about ISMOT-2011 are available on the website: [www.ismot2011.com](http://www.ismot2011.com). The last date to submit papers for ISMOT-2011 was March 15 but post deadline papers are still being accepted. 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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