



## Message from the Editor-in-Chief

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It gives me great pleasure to bring out the 4<sup>th</sup> issue of the **International Journal of Microwave and Optical Technology (IJMOT)** for the year 2012. This issue contains good mixture of papers in the areas of: various types of microstrip antennas, out of band impedance control, tunable electromagnetic band gaps for microwave circuits, microstrip antenna fed by waveguide hybrid coupler, Ultra Wide Band antennas and stacked circular microstrip patch for wireless systems. There are several optical communication and sensor related papers either under review or revision stage, so could not be published in this issue.

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As you all know that for over one year I have been requesting all the authors to contribute voluntary page charges as much as possible otherwise we would be forced to collect mandatory publication charges. Unfortunately we have reached to that situation now as most of the authors did not come forward voluntarily. With very careful consideration we have decided to collect mandatory publication charges from the authors for papers submitted on or after January 1, 2012. At this stage we have decided to collect flat fee \$100 per published paper up to 8 pages + \$5 service fee = \$105 to be paid through paypal. For additional pages beyond 8 pages we would charge \$30 per page. Once the paper is accepted for publication, the authors would be asked to pay publication/page charges as per invoice before the paper is published. If the page charges are not paid until the date of next issue, the paper would be removed from IJMOT data base. However, in order to help the authors, we have also decided that if the authors' organization/university/institution is an annual subscriber of IJMOT during that period, the publication fee up to 8 pages would be waived off. It means, if the authors would like to have publication fee waived off (up to 8 pages), they should request their organization/university/institution to subscribe IJMOT without any delay.

You can also present your papers in the ISMOT conferences and get published in IJMOT as a full length papers if selected by the technical program committee. All these papers also go through normal review process before being finally accepted for publication. **Future ISMOTs are tentatively scheduled as: ISMOT-2013, December 16-19, 2013- Singapore, ISMOT-2015- Guadalajara, Mexico and ISMOT-2017 – Dresden, Germany.** We hope to see many of you participating in future ISMOT conferences.

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

**Banmali S. Rawat**

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