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Message from the Editor-in-Chief

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It gives me great pleasure to bring out the 6th issue of the **International Journal of Microwave and Optical Technology (IJMOT)** for the year 2012. First of all I would like to apologize to all the authors, subscribers, reviewers and editorial board members for publishing this issue so late due to some serious web related problems at our end. This issue contains good mixture of papers in the areas of: various types of microstrip antennas, helical antenna, coplanar waveguide, wideband slot antenna, waveguide structures for MILO application, corrugated waveguides, channel drop optical filters and laser power meter noise suppression

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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. 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 returned to the authors and 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. The 14th ISMOT is going to be organized in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from October 28-31, 2013 under the leadership of Profs. Le-Wei Li of Monash University and Chuah Hean Teik of Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman, Malaysia. For details please visit http://www.utar.edu.my/ismot2013. Other future conferences are tentatively scheduled as: ISMOT-2015- Guadalajara, Mexico and ISMOT-2017 – Dresden, Germany. We hope to see many of you participating ISMOT-2013 and other future ISMOT conferences.

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I would like to thank all the editorial board members and reviewers for their continued help and support for IJMOT. My special thanks to our web manager Mr. Syam Challa for improving the IJMOT website and helping in the publication of every issue since 2007.

Banmali S. Rawat Dated: November 27, 2012