From the
Editor-in-Chief

DAC and changes in D&T

I just returned from the Design Automation Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada, and it was bigger than any I can remember. The technical programs were so absorbing that I had no time left for the more speculative pursuits that Las Vegas is known for. In addition, exciting things are happening to D&T, and the editorial board meeting was a lively exchange of new ideas, and a welcoming committee to new editors.

Chuck Radke, editor of conferences, will be starting a new department called "D&T Roundtable." The department will open with a synopsis of the roundtable on logic synthesis, which Chuck conducted in collaboration with ACM's SIGDA and IEEE's Design Automation Technical Committee. Many of you may have seen the roundtable before as a special feature (Oct. 85 and Apr. 86), but now it will appear as a regular department.

Jerry Werner of MCC will be the new conferences editor, and Sharad Seth of the University of Nebraska will be editor for "Short Papers," an upcoming category that aims at the quick publication of new ideas. If you have one, send it to Prof. S. Seth, CS Dept. Univ. of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE 68588 (or call 402-472-5003), but be brief; your manuscript, including figures, cannot exceed nine double-spaced pages.

We also welcome Sanford (Sandy) Hirschhorn of GTE Laboratories' Logical and Design Automation Dept. as the new editor for computer-aided engineering.

Finally, I met with the chairman of DATC, Sumit DasGupta, to discuss the DATC Newsletter, which debuts in the next issue of D&T. By the way, I urge you to join this technical committee on design automation, if you haven't already done so. Simply check the appropriate box on the reader service card at the back of the magazine.

On a sadder note, D&T is losing its managing editor, Mickey Schach, who has accepted a position with an engineering company. On behalf of the entire editorial board, I wish her all the best, and I shall cherish the memories of working with her during the last year. We are grateful to Bob Carlson for taking on the challenge of acting managing editor for this issue. A new managing editor will be on board for the October issue.

D&T's future issues look promising. A selected set of papers from DAC will appear in the February 1987 issue under the guest editorship of Don Thomas who was program chairman of the conference.

Special features in this issue of D&T include a complete guide to the International Test Conference and Test Tutorials in Washington, D.C. (Sept. 8-12), including the schedule of technical programs and exhibits. Also look for the Test Technology TC Newsletter, which appears for the first time in D&T. The newsletter will be edited by Marc Harrison, who is on the D&T editorial board. The first newsletter is a message from the TTTC chairman, Paul Bardell. D&T will be featuring the newsletter on a regular basis.

I thank Paul Bardell and Peter Bronecke, ITC Chairman, for making the ITC preview possible, and I am looking forward to meeting many of you at the conference.

This issue also presents the best from ITC 85. Guest Editor Rudy Garcia deserves special praise for his effort in selecting, reviewing, and obtaining enhanced versions of papers from the conference.

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