At the beginning of my second two-years term, I am wishing a happy 2017 to all of you, Readers, Authors, Reviewers, Members of the Editorial Board and Staff in support of the IEEE Transactions on Computers.

Time goes pretty fast and on December 31, 2016 some Colleagues have ended their term in the TC Editorial Board. Let me thank them all for their dedicated, professional and supportive service: Krishnendu Chakrabarty, Peter Desnoyers, Petru Eles, Teofilo Gonzalez, Niraj Jha, Kenli Li, Ahmed Louri, Binoy Ravindran, Francisco Rodriguez-Henriquez, Weisong Shi, and Arun Somani.

For this Editorial we have three important announcements:

1. **“Editor’s pick of the year 2016.”** TC is keeping up with the pace of technology advances both in terms of innovation and high-level scientific dissemination and, as part of the new initiatives launched in the Editorial of July 2016, I am very honored to announce that the Internal Committee chaired by Professor and Associate Editor Diana Marculescu has selected four papers as Editor’s pick of the year 2016. This is not a formal award but a selection of published high quality manuscripts, which are highly representative of the journal; in addition to the Authors receiving a “thank-you-for-your-contribution” letter from the Editor-in-Chief, each one of these papers will be made available for free download to everyone for three months, through the main TC webpage https://www.computer.org/web/tc so to “cover” the entire 2017 calendar year. The four papers (in order of appearance in 2016) are:


   My sincere appreciation goes to the Chair, Diana Marculescu, and the Members of the Selection Committee: Petru Eles, Niraj Jha, Nei Kato, Giuseppe Lipari, Trevor Mudge, Patrick Schaumont, Alex Yakovlev, and I congratulate the Authors as well for their selected works.

2. **“Increased maximum length of submissions.”** Over the last year, several specific requests have been received to allow the submission of slightly overlong manuscripts with respect to the 14-pages upper bound. This recurring issue has been discussed at Editorial level and I am pleased to announce that, starting January 1, 2017, the new maximum length of submissions will increase to 16 pages, including biographies and bibliography, while still keeping the bound for Mandatory Overlength Page Charges (MOPC) to 14-pages or, in general, the most current bound as set by the Computer Society and reported in the TC Authors’ Guidelines pages https://www.computer.org/web/tc/author and https://www.computer.org/web/peer-review/journals

   In summary, starting January 1, 2017, TC will allow, without any further prior and explicit permission by the Editor-in-Chief, submissions as:
   - Regular paper—16 double column, 12 pt pages (Note: All regular paper page limits include references and author biographies.)
   - Brief contribution—8 double column, 12 pt pages (Note: All brief paper page limits include references.)

   NOTE: All papers longer than 14 pages will be subject to MOPC for the number of pages exceeding 14 (or, in general, the most current bound set by the Computer Society and reported in the TC Authors’ Guidelines pages).
At the time of going-to-press of this issue (late October 2016) a special section of the IEEE Transactions on Computers on “Cryptographic Engineering in a Post-Quantum World” has been approved, led by Professor and Associate Editor Çetin Kaya Koç in collaboration with Drs. Zhe Liu and Patrick Longa. All Researchers working in the field are invited to submit contributions. It is expected that contributed submissions will place emphasis on computing issues in general and on engineering and architectural design aspects of security in particular. Unfortunately, pure theoretical papers lacking architecture design aspects should be redirected to other more specific venues. Other special sections are under definition for 2017. Please stay tuned and continue monitoring the TC webpage at https://www.computer.org/web/tc

In conclusion, let me thank all Readers and Contributors for their continued collaboration to support the journal and all current and new initiatives that will start in the (near) future; moreover, let me take this opportunity to renew my warm invitation to submit your best research contributions in current scope and interest to TC Readership, in which, as a Computer Society publication, computation and computing are of primary importance and focus.

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